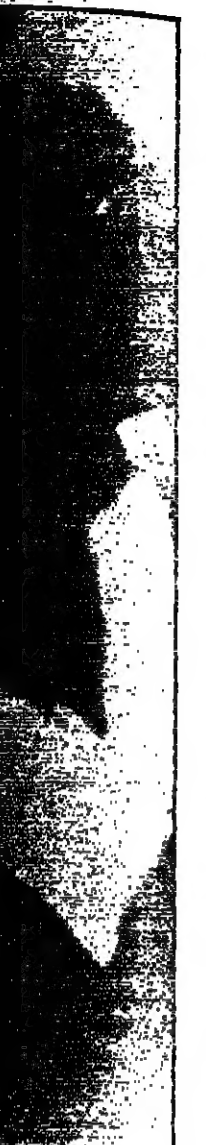


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Buses to begin run 'as usual' tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Staff
Egged and Dan buses will begin running tomorrow before sunset and not at 8 p.m. as ordered by the transport minister. Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir has advised Controller of Road Transport Uri Peretz to permit the bus companies to begin Saturday service before sunset as until now.

Egged spokesman Gideon Talmor said bus service will start at 5:30 p.m. in most places, and even earlier in areas far from the centre of the country.

The transport minister has been served with a number of temporary injunctions and orders from the High Court to show cause why bus service on Shabbat and other Jewish holy days should not begin before 8 p.m.

The High Court yesterday issued three more separate injunctions preventing the minister from enforcing his order. He was also served with three more orders to show cause

within 45 days why he should not rescind his instruction to the bus companies not to start service before 8 p.m. The affected lines run from Beersheba to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, from settlements in the Eshkol region to Beersheba and Tel Aviv, from settlements in the Ramat Hanegev region to Beersheba, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, and from Upper Nazareth to Tel Aviv and return.

Last week, the High Court served the transport minister with two temporary injunctions forbidding him to halt Egged's inter-city bus services on Shabbat and other Jewish holidays that start from Haifa. The Court of Justice also called on the minister in two separate orders to show cause within 45 days why he should not revoke his order to halt this service.

In Afula, Nahariya and some Galilee settlements, the local authorities have also obtained similar show-cause orders.

Israelis leaving today for Jewish meeting in Morocco

TEL AVIV. — A delegation of Knesset members, academics and mayors is due to leave for Morocco today for a congress of world Jewish communities. The delegates will first fly to Paris to obtain their Moroccan visas.

The congress, which begins on Sunday, is hosted every two years by the Moroccan Jewish community. The Israeli delegation was invited with the consent of Morocco's King Hassan II.

This will be the first official visit of an Israeli group in Morocco.

The delegation includes Tel Aviv University President Professor Moshe Many, Prof. Shlomo Ben-Ami of Tel Aviv University, Knesset Members Rafi Edri, Aharon Abutza, Meir Shitrit, Raanan Naim, Jacques Amir, Yitzhak Peretz, Yossi Sarid and Naftali Blumenthal, and Mayors Aryeh Azulai and Eli Dayan. They will be accompanied by several journalists.

Delegations from the U.S., Canada, France, Great Britain, Belgium and Holland will also attend.

Histadrut, private employers fail to reach accord on C-o-L

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut and private employers last night failed again to reach agreement on a new cost-of-living increment. The two sides will decide today when to meet again.

Last night's meeting was preceded by optimism in the Histadrut that agreement would be reached. But Histadrut sources said after the meeting that there are still wide differences between the two sides.

The main point of difference is the ceiling above which the C-o-L increment will be paid on a monthly rather than quarterly basis. The Histadrut is demanding monthly payments whenever the consumer price index (CPI) rises by more than 12 per cent, while the employers are demanding a ceiling of 17 per cent.

Histadrut sources expect a compromise of 15 per cent to be reached.

There are also differences over the payment of the April C-o-L increase. The April CPI, to be released next week, is expected to reach 20 per cent, and the Histadrut has demanded that the C-o-L increment be paid with this month's salaries.

Despite the differences, the gap between the two sides has been narrowed in recent informal negotiations. The *Jerusalem Post* has learned there is agreement on the rate of payment of the new C-o-L increment — the old system will be retained whereby an increment of 80 per cent will be paid on inflation below 20 per cent a month, and 90 per cent if inflation increases by more than 20 per cent. The two sides are believed to have also agreed on an additional quarterly payment to cover the gap between the rate of the C-o-L increment and the actual rate of inflation.



Rabbi Moshe Levinger arrives at police headquarters in Jerusalem's Russian Compound for questioning yesterday. (Isaac Harari)

E. Germans join Soviets in Olympics boycott

LONDON (Reuters). — East Germany announced yesterday it will join the Soviet Union and Bulgaria in withdrawing from the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles for security reasons.

In Switzerland, Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, said after returning from a trip to Washington that he intends to take a letter shortly from President Reagan to Soviet leaders in an attempt to persuade Moscow to participate in the games.

In Moscow, meanwhile, a senior sports official attacked Samaranch for failing to take steps to meet Soviet complaints about conditions in Los Angeles.

The comments, by Igor Ter-Ovanesyan, trainer of the Soviet light-athletics squad, carried by the official news agency Tass, marked the first time Moscow justified its pullout from the games by criticizing the IOC as well as the U.S. authorities. They seemed to cast new doubts on Samaranch's chances of success in persuading Moscow to change its mind.

Tass quoted Ter-Ovanesyan and Soviet Olympic football team trainer Eduard Malafeyev as saying that under the conditions in Los Angeles, "we are forced to refuse to take part."

Soviet Olympic officials said their chairman, Marat Gramov, would give a news conference next week to elaborate on Moscow's decision, and that no further statements would be issued before then.

Western diplomats in Moscow said the East German pullout suggested that the boycott had been coordinated between the USSR and its allies in advance, and predicted that most other East European states would fall into line.

Bulgaria has already said it will not participate, and Tass published a commentary from a Czechoslovak newspaper indicating that Prague is also planning to pull out.

So far only Rumania, which often takes an independent course within the Soviet Bloc alliance, has indicated that it will still send athletes to Los Angeles.

Vietnam yesterday congratulated the Soviet Union for its pullout, but did not say if it will follow. Another country at odds with the U.S., Nicaragua, announced that it will attend the games.

Athletes in many countries were especially disappointed by the East German move. In proportion to its 17 million population, the country is the most formidable sports power in the world, with a welter of all-conquering athletes finely tuned to defeat the best the West can offer.

Plotters hoped to bomb Temple Mount shrines

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Several members of the alleged Jewish terror underground plotted to blow up the two Moslem shrines on the Temple Mount, and even experimented with explosives with this aim in mind, sources have told *The Jerusalem Post*. The suspects told their interrogators that the bombing would destroy the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aksa Mosque, but leave the Western Wall below the Temple Mount unscathed, the sources said. The suspects conducted experiments to determine how much explosive material would be needed and where it should be placed, they added.

In another development, Rabbi Moshe Levinger, one of the founders of Gush Emunim, was questioned yesterday for several hours by top General Security Services and police investigators. The questioning took place at the Jerusalem Police headquarters in the Russian Compound. It was the second time the rabbi has been questioned since the arrests of the underground suspects two weeks ago.

Levinger was still being questioned after midnight.

The *Post* has learned that other leading members of Gush Emunim may be summoned for questioning, as investigators try to determine to what extent there was knowledge of the alleged conspiracy outside its ranks.

Earlier, at the Russian Compound and at holding cells throughout the country, suspects met with their

lawyers. For many of the suspects it was their first contact with the outside world since their arrest.

In Jerusalem, six lawyers met with more than a dozen suspects — some of whom reportedly have confessed in writing to the crimes attributed to them by police. The lawyers were uniform in their refusal to discuss details of their meetings, saying only that they had heard no complaints from their clients about the lockup conditions.

But one lawyer did say that his clients both "supported wholeheartedly" Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman's recent remarks that pointed to "some positive aspects" of the assassination attempt four years ago against three West Bank mayors as opposed to the other mass-terror attempts for which there are suspects in custody.

Ne'eman's remarks, as well as divisions within the right wing as a result of the arrests of the alleged underground, continued yesterday to stir controversy.

Energy and Infrastructure Minister Yitzhak Moda'i — without referring by name to his cabinet colleague — slammed Ne'eman, saying: "Thou shalt not murder — not even for political ends." Moda'i told a meeting of insurance agents in Tel Aviv that "there is no difference (between the attacks), nor can there be any."

He described the suspects as "not professional killers but nationalist zealots," adding that "that does not mitigate their criminal responsibility one iota."

Former Knesset Member Hanan Porat, together with several other

Gush Emunim leaders, last night decided that informally the movement will provide legal help to the suspects and families. But they also condemned the suspects' reported plot to destroy the Temple Mount shrines.

He said that "every great idea, such as the settlement movement," inevitably draws to "its margins" — those who deviate from the ideal.

Porat told a television interviewer that Gush Emunim would conduct an "educational and informational campaign" both within and outside the movement, and that it would "purge those who would take the law into their own hands."

Although Porat described the movement as solidly united, there are growing indications that there is profound disappointment in the settlements over the existence of the underground and that recrimination over responsibility for the ideological leadership is surfacing.

In a meeting on Wednesday night in Alon Shvut, settlement leaders were lashed by Etzion Bloc settlers who described the underground as "the rotten fruits harvested at the resistance to the Yamit withdrawal." Others described Ne'eman's remarks as "disgusting."

In Kiryat Arba, however, a group

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Cache of handgrenades uncovered in Ramallah

RAMALLAH (Itim). — A cache of 170 handgrenades has been uncovered in Ramallah following the arrest of a gang of terrorists in Judea and Samaria.

Syria: Chaos in Lebanon till Israelis go

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — The Syrian press said yesterday the Israeli presence in South Lebanon and its liaison office north of Beirut are a constant menace to the internal reconciliation process in Lebanon.

The government newspaper *Al-Thawra* said in its main editorial: "The Lebanese salvation march will remain threatened at any moment as long as Israel stays in Lebanon...and

as long as there are any secret or public dealings with Israel."

It said Lebanese factions had agreed that reconciliation is their only choice, adding: "It is of some importance that there be another national consensus on getting the Israelis out of Lebanon, both from the south and from Dbaiyeh."

Dbaiyeh, a village 10 kilometres north of Beirut, is the site of the

Israeli liaison office set up last year.

Rumanian President Nicolai Ceausescu arrived yesterday afternoon in Damascus and was greeted at the airport by President Hafez Assad.

According to the Associated Press in Damascus, Assad is expected to ask Ceausescu about plans for the opening of an Israeli trade and liaison office in Bucharest.

Lebanon nat'l unity cabinet turns into 'defence council'

BIKFAYA, Lebanon (AP). — Lebanon's Christian and Moslem warlords met yesterday in the national unity cabinet's first session and, bowing to a key opposition demand, formed the entire cabinet into a council to reunite the Lebanese Army.

"We are now marching toward peace," Prime Minister Rashid Karamneh said.

He added that the cabinet would meet again this morning on "measures that would stabilize the security situation, reopen the crossings (between East and West Beirut) and the port and airport, and restore normalcy to the country."

The half-Christian, half-Moslem

cabinet met for about four and a half hours at this presidential summer resort as guns along civil war fronts fell silent after intermittent morning clashes.

Emerging from the talks, Karamneh said the cabinet has agreed to set up a "defence council" of all the members to replace the army command and place the regulars under the direct command of the government.

Karamneh said the cabinet also designated five members to map out a "cabinet working programme," which would then be discussed at the parliament for a vote of confidence.

The five-man "ministerial committee" is made up of Karamneh,

Shi'ite Moslem leader Nabih Berri, Education and Labour Minister Salim Hoss, Finance and Housing Minister Camille Chamoun and Information Minister Joseph Staff.

The cabinet, according to Karamneh, also appointed Staff acting interior minister. Interior Minister Designate Abdulla Rassi, son-in-law of disgruntled Maronite ex-president Suleiman Franjeh, has refused to take part in the cabinet, and efforts to convince him to serve have been unsuccessful.

Karamneh said the cabinet also decided the prerogatives of Berri in the newly created post as minister of state for Southern Lebanon and reconstruction.

Druse chieftain Walid Jumblatt, who in the past repeatedly demanded President Amin Jemayel's resignation, stayed on for a private 20-minute session with the president after the other Christian and Moslem leaders had left.

It was the first time that Lebanon's main antagonists met under the same roof in Lebanon since the outbreak of the civil war nine years ago. Their two previous "reconciliation" conferences in Switzerland — in Geneva last November and in Lausanne in March — had failed to bring an end to the violence that has claimed more than 60,000 lives since 1975.

Soviets busy hijacking western high technology

By VICTOR PERRY
Special to The Jerusalem Post

The Soviet Union is engaged in a world-wide secret war to obtain Western technological secrets for military purposes, according to Soviet emigres.

"The Soviet effort has involved buying entire factories from the West in order to obtain otherwise restricted machinery and components, as well as outright theft of specific products in order to adapt their components to military uses."

Other restricted products are obtained with the help of international banks created under Soviet auspices, which then formed interlocking partnerships with Western firms that produce high-technology products. Such banks exist in Hong Kong and Switzerland, according to the informants. In other cases, legally obtained products and entire plants are subsequently converted to military uses.

The entire programme is directed by a special department for industrial and technological espionage within the KGB intelligence apparatus.

According to the former Soviet engineers and technologists, hardly a single one of their colleagues goes abroad on business without first being briefed and being given some intelligence assignment by the KGB. The emphasis of their brief is on obtaining know-how in sophisticated electronics and computers in which the Soviets lag behind the West.

In other scientific fields, including parapsychology, the Soviets are ahead of the West, it is claimed.

One of the Soviet emigres, who prefers to remain anonymous, was a senior scientist at the VNEE Geophysical Institute in Moscow. He recalls how his institute once paid 30 kg in gold for two highly sensitive American-made devices for measuring magnetic and gravitational variations over the earth's surface. The instruments, which were obtained in a roundabout way through Scandinavia, were studied for adaptation in the guidance systems of Soviet rockets, which must make automatic corrections for these variations as they travel through space.

In another instance, the same Moscow institute bought a non-restricted IBM 1703 computer which it used for oil exploration projects. It was subsequently studied by Soviet military experts, however, in order to adapt it for military uses since the next generation of IBM computers was already being used in the U.S. in rocket-guidance systems.

Another former Soviet engineer tells of the purchase of an entire

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Swiss ambassador and Mrs. Pierre-Yves Simonin this week visited the Nahal Yehuda Agricultural Secondary School and the Petah Tikva School of Gardening and Landscape Technology, both sponsored by Wizo Switzerland. They were accompanied by World Wizo Executive chairman Michal Modai and World Wizo Schools Department head Shulamit Hillel.

World Wizo President Raya Jaglom, World Wizo Executive Chairman Michal Modai, and members of the World Wizo Executive were among the distinguished guests at a farewell dinner held last night at Wizo House Tel Aviv for the members of the First North American Wizo Mission to the President of the State of Israel. The dinner was hosted by World Wizo Tourist Department Chairman Nona Merkel, organizer of the entire mission. The Morton J. Gaba Cardiac Research Laboratory was dedicated yesterday at the Weizman Institute of Science in the presence of his widow, Thelma Gaba, family and friends.

ARRIVALS

Dr. Irene Haimos from the U.S.A. for the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University, the inauguration of her chair at the university, Dr. Irene Haimos, Chair in Approximation Theory, and to receive an honorary doctorate from Tel Aviv University.

Albert Bickler, Dr. Aaron Bodner, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Friedman, William and Lynne Frankel, Stanley and Judith Hirsch, Sidney and Charlotte Kirschner, Dallas Leeds, Isidore and Elm Meynel, Howard Shur, Herbert and Stella Werner, all from the U.S.A., Rubin Katz, South Africa, all for the 14th annual meeting of the Board of Governors of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Police find women growing poppies

HADERA (Itim). — The police here have opened investigative files against two elderly women who were found to be growing red poppies from which opium can be produced.

Poppies were spotted in a garden at the nursery school in Neveh Haim by a Civil Guard volunteer, who reported to police. Investigators found that the poppies had been planted for decorative purposes by an elderly woman who lives in the neighbourhood.

In Givat Ada, dozens of poppies were found growing in the garden of a 90-year-old woman, who told the police she had planted the flowers many years ago and that they multiplied naturally each season. She told the police that she had no idea the poppies could be used to produce narcotics.

The police have sent both files to the district attorney for a decision on whether to prosecute.

Anti-Arafat group wins in Bethlehem U. poll

BETHLEHEM (Itim). — Students at Bethlehem University dealt a resounding defeat to supporters of PLO chief Yasser Arafat yesterday, with eight of the nine seats on the student council going to the Progressive Party, which supports the Communists and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

HOME NEWS

Peres, Navon, Rabin, Bar-Lev to rank Labourites

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party's top leaders will choose about half of their party's list of Knesset candidates on their own and then rank their choices along with the names submitted by party branches.

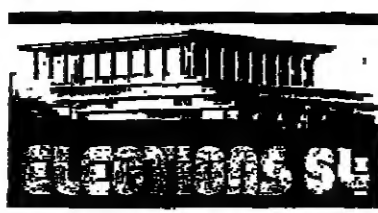
They are expected to finish by the middle of next week, and their list will be submitted for ratification by Labour's central committee on Wednesday afternoon.

Labour's political bureau decided last night that the appointments committee will consist of chairman Shimon Peres, former president Yitzhak Navon, ex-premier Yitzhak Rabin and party secretary-general Haim Bar-Lev.

They alone will pick 27 candidates. Another 27 names will come from party branches. But the committee of four will rank the entire list, and determine who has safe slots.

In the past, names submitted by the branches have often been crowded at the bottom.

The four will also have to find slots for Knesset members with special reserved status, such as Likud defec-



Amnon Linn (who gets one safe slot) and Yitzhak Peretz, who was promised two slots.

Some Labour quarters have demanded a larger committee, arguing that if the entire selection process takes place behind closed doors, various party sectors should at least be present to safeguard their interests. The party's women and its kibbutz and moshav movements, the younger members and the large party branches all insisted on representation in the appointments committee.

But expansion of the committee has been just as hotly opposed by other groups, including the Rabin camp. When the matter finally came before the political bureau, it was thought that, to avoid a fractious over the issue, the committee should be

limited to only four. Based on past experience, it was also realized that as soon as the committee convenes, its members will be besieged by lobbyists for various candidates. To prevent the appointments committee's conference room from becoming a pilgrimage site, it was decided that each candidate will be allowed to send no more than one delegation, limited to five persons. A time limit will be set for each delegation.

Hammer's faction won't join Matzad

The National Religious Party's youth faction led by Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer, has decided not to join Rabbi Haim Druckman's Matzad party. The faction will remain in the NRP.

There have been almost daily talks between the faction and Matzad since the latter decided last week to run its own list in the coming Knesset elections.

The last meeting began at 6 p.m. on Wednesday and lasted until about 3 a.m. yesterday. It ended on an inconclusive note. But yesterday,

Judging by past experience, it will be hard to dislodge a serving Labour MK from a safe slot, which will make it extremely difficult to introduce new faces.

Moreover, Labour has decided to regard its first 60 slots as safe, although Mapam's candidates must still be worked into the Alignment list as well, thereby pushing down Labour candidates. In the outgoing Knesset, Mapam held seven of the Alignment's 47 seats.

Matzad learned from Lamifne sources (the faction of Interior and Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg) that Hammer was remaining in the NRP. This was later confirmed by youth faction sources.

The reason they gave for the decision was that Matzad had refused to assure Hammer of the second slot. But according to a Matzad source, the real reason may be Hammer's reluctance to join Matzad in view of the recent revelations about the Jewish terror group in Judea and Samaria.

Herut issues new ultimatum over Gahal Agreement

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Only a few hours after the 13-hour second stage of the Herut internal elections, the party sent a new ultimatum to its Liberal Likud partner: unless official talks on amending the Gahal Agreement start in earnest immediately, the issue will be referred to the Herut central committee, where there is a majority for unilateral amendment of the agreement and even for its abrogation.

Herut has been contending for years that the Liberals are over-represented on the Likud Knesset list due to the ratio worked out by the Gahal Agreement.

Sources in both Herut and the Liberal Party told *The Jerusalem Post* that a secret deal is in the making, whereby the Liberals will not be cut down to size, but real moves towards a merger of all Likud parties will be made before the July 23 elections. In the merged list, no component party would have a reserved ratio of slots. The Liberals are said to be willing to consider "marriage after a 20-year-long engagement," as one leading party

minister said.

The original Liberal line was that there would be no discussion whatever about the Gahal Agreement. This prompted both Deputy Premier David Levy and Herut secretary chairman Yoram Aridor to warn yesterday that "if the Liberals will not talk, then the Herut central committee will sing solo."

Herut's demands to amend the agreement intensified considerably yesterday after the elections for Herut's Knesset candidates left many prominent candidates and serving Knesset members off the list. Among the losers in yesterday's Herut central committee vote were Communications Minister Mordechai Zupori and MKs Eitan Livni, Yosef Rom and Michael Kleiner. None will be in the Eleventh Knesset.

Also failing to win safe slots were sons and daughters of one-time party luminaries; cabinet secretary Dan Meridor (son of late MK Eliyahu Meridor, Rahel Kremerman (daughter of Economy Minister Ya'acov Meridor), and Uzi Landau (son of the late transport minister Haim Landau).

The 1,000 Herut central committee members finished ranking the third group in seven party candidates in a list of 21 only in the small hours of yesterday.

After the first 14 candidates were ranked, complaints were voiced that no women had been ranked high on the list, and that a similar situation existed with regard to representatives from Jerusalem, Haifa, the North and the Druse community. But when voting for the last group of seven was over, all grievances were redressed. Transport Minister Haim Corfu, of Jerusalem, Deputy Education and Culture Minister Miriam Tasa-Glazer, Druse MK Amal Nasr-e-Din, Haifa MK Meir Cohen-Avidor, Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman, Jerusalem's Yehoshua Matz and Afula Mayor Ovadya Eli were in the final group.

Zupori was quoted as saying afterwards that he paid the price for being outspoken in his criticism of the Lebanon War and for appearing before the Kahan Commission on the Sabra and Shatila massacres. But also rejected were three MKs who did not have Zupori's trouble-making reputation: Rom, Livni and

Kleiner, all confirmed Herut hawks. Livni lamented that he was the last "Yigun Zva'i Leumi (Ezra) commander among the candidates.

"My departure from Knesset politics also marks the end of the Ezra era in Herut," he said.

Kleiner, however, said the "failure is all my own personally. Herut made its choice democratically and I simply lost.

Nazi-hunter Friedman to run for Knesset

HAIFA (Itim). — Nazi-hunter Tuvia Friedman has decided to head a list of Holocaust survivors in the coming Knesset elections. Friedman runs a documentation centre on war criminals in Haifa.

Friedman told *Itim* he decided to enter the race after "it became clear that the efforts of Holocaust survivors who have not received compensation from Germany to get something proved fruitless because of draconic German laws." He said he will begin setting up the list in a few days.

Milo files aggressive defence to Labour Party slander suit

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Likud Knesset Member Ronnie Milo alleged in the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday that the Labour Party has used a number of channels to transfer assets from Histadrut-affiliated institutions abroad and then recycled the funds as foreign contributions to the party.

The charges came in a defence statement filed by Milo in response to a slander suit by the Labour Party following a statement he reportedly made two months ago at a public meeting in Eilat that funds transferred by the late Yaacov Levinson "were meant for the Labour Party."

Levinson, former head of the Histadrut's Bank Hapoalim and a

Labour activist, committed suicide last February under a cloud of suspicion concerning possible illegal money transfers.

In his defence, Milo stated that he only noted at the Eilat meeting that Levinson did not take any money for himself, and that therefore, the destination of funds that were the subject of investigations into the case should be ascertained.

Milo went on to outline his version of Labour Party financial irregularities, which he promised to back up with more evidence at the trial. According to him, after the Likud took state power in 1977, Labour was scared that it would lose control

of the Histadrut as well, with its economic empire. Therefore, it decided to transfer as much of the movement's assets as possible abroad.

One channel for such transfers, Milo suggested, was Ampal, a foreign subsidiary of Bank Hapoalim that Levinson headed after he left the parent company. Milo pointed to a suspicious partnership formed by Ampal with a German trade union bank, in which the German bank became a major shareholder in Ampal while the Israeli company deposited large amounts of money in the bank. The money, he continued, may have come back to Israel in the

form of donations to various Labour-associated funds. One such body he mentioned was the Lavon Fund for research into the Labour movement, headed by outgoing Histadrut secretary-general Yeroham Meshel.

Milo also suggested that Labour might have set up dummy companies abroad to lend money to party-affiliated institutions, which would then have to pay interest, thus finding a way to send funds out of the country.

Finally, Milo called for an inquiry into Bank Hapoalim funding of May Day demonstrations.

NEWS BACKGROUND/Aryeh Rubinstein

Election financing is tightened—in a manner of speaking

The Knesset Finance Committee decided Wednesday to bring organizations under the control of the State Comptroller with respect to the Political Parties Financing Law.

State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik, in his last report on the subject, said that campaign spending by such "affiliated bodies" in the 1981 elections had reached new heights.

The worse offender, Tunik said, was "Aleph" (Citizens for Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres). But he also mentioned the "We Are on the Map" propaganda of a Likud affiliate, which presented the settlement achievements of Menachem Begin's government.

Tunik said that the amount spent by these affiliates, in addition to the funds spent directly by the parties, "reached such dimensions as to deprive the spending ceiling prescribed by law of all significance."

Two weeks before Tunik issued his report, the Knesset passed a bill retroactively raising the ceiling on campaign spending to twice the state

financing each party receives. Up to then, the ceiling has been six times the party's state financing. The object of the bill was to legalize over-spending by five parties in the 1981 elections.

The retroactive provisions of the bill were later invalidated by the Supreme Court.

The bill also included some sugar-coating designed to make it more palatable to the public.

One of the "positive" changes made it illegal for party affiliates to accept contributions from an Israeli corporate body during an election campaign. Thus, it would be just as illegal for Beit Berl, the Labour Party college, to accept funds from the Elite chocolate firm as it would be for the Labour Party itself. The parties may not accept such contributions at any time.

Secondly, money spent by a party affiliate in connection with the party's election campaign would be added to the amount spent by the party itself in determining whether it

had remained with the legal maximum.

The committee, however, added an unusual clause. These two changes — which Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad, who presented the bill, said were far more important than the one-time retroactive measures — would not take effect until the Finance Committee so decided.

Tunik made some caustic comments about that. He also noted that the change bringing party affiliates within the scope of the law would apply only to campaign expenditure and not to current expenditure. State financing of the parties' current expenditure over a four-year period comes to about twice the amount of state campaign financing.

Two weeks ago, Tunik reminded the Finance Committee of the new provisions, and demanded that it activate them.

The Likud agreed, but the Alignment objected. Its spokesman on party financing, Knesset Member

Yehuda Hashai, objected that Tunik was too late. The campaign, he said, was already under way, and facts had already been created. The provisions should not be activated until four years from now, he added.

The argument continued at a second meeting last week, and on Wednesday the committee voted. This time the Alignment agreed.

Why the change of heart? One interpretation is that the Alignment had meanwhile discovered that its apprehensions about money already accepted by its affiliates were unfounded.

The less favourable reading points out that whereas Tunik had asked the committee to activate the new provisions for the entire campaign as a unit, the committee decided that its action should take effect only from the date it was taken, May 9.

The Alignment, this line of reasoning goes, is sure that the cut-off date in May will make enforcement impossible, and thus it saw no reason to risk adverse publicity by persisting in its opposition.

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led by Meir Indor and Noam Amnon issued a statement critical of Porat's view. Indor said that some 150 residents of the quarter and nearby settlements had last night signed the counter-declaration, in which the arrested suspects are described as "persons with a serious security and settlement past, who organized to avenge the murders of Jews by Arab terror."

The statement referred to the alleged attacks as "deeds that a government cannot commit but which are the only answer to terror." The detainees, it continued, "should certainly not be called an 'underground,' since they did not come together to act against the government."

The Golan Heights Regional Council condemned the underground, saying that its activities are against "the values of settlement, security and labour."

But the council added that, like Gush Emanim, it will provide legal assistance to the suspects and financial aid to their families. Six Golan

residents are among the arrested suspects.

The *Post* has learned that one of the two Israel Defence Forces officers holding the rank of major was on the scene of the bomb blast that blinded a Border Police sapper trying to dismantle the bomb at former A-Bireh Mayor Ibrahim Tawil's garage. The officer is suspected of providing intelligence information to other suspects in the underground, for the purpose of carrying out the attacks on the mayors.

The police meanwhile have told Interior Minister Yosef Burg that they are not leaking information to the press. In a written report to Burg prepared by the inspector-general's office, the police said that many of the reports appearing in the press are a result of guesswork, that much is incorrect, and that much of it is based on sources other than in the police.

On the same matter, police sources last night told *The Post* that they have urged a formal briefing to clear the air of rumours and to put an end to incorrect reporting.



Egyptian Embassy chargé d'affaires Mohammed Bassoumy yesterday called at Beit Hanasi to deliver an Israel Independence Day telegram from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to President Chaim Herzog. Similar messages were sent to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in his capacity as foreign minister, from Egyptian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Kamel Hassan Ali and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali. (Y. Barzilay)

U.S. administration rejects compromise on embassy move

WASHINGTON. — The Reagan administration has rejected the advice of some senior officials who were proposing a compromise with Congress over pending legislation to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz are now said to have come down firmly on the side of those State Department diplomats who warned against any change in U.S. policy on the matter.

The State Department's counsel, former Democratic Congressman Edward Derwinski of Illinois, was known to have favoured negotiations with members of Congress aimed at avoiding a bitter fight.

New York Democratic Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan's initiative to force the move of the embassy has 42 co-sponsors. On the house side, Democratic Congressman Tom Lantos of California and Ben Gilman of New York have introduced the same bill. It has attracted more than 225 co-sponsors.

The administration's refusal to consider any compromise negotiations appears to set the stage for a full-scale confrontation over the politically charged issue.

State Department officials, in explaining their opposition, cited what they said would be a series of major political setbacks to U.S. interests.

throughout the Arab and Moslem world. In addition, they expressed concern over continued U.S. ability to mediate Arab-Israeli peace by even a relatively modest change in the current U.S. attitude toward the embassy in Tel Aviv and consulates in Jerusalem.

Pro-Israel political activists in Washington yesterday expressed their deep disappointment in the decision. They predicted it would result in some serious loss of support for Reagan in the Jewish community. Both Democratic frontrunners, Gary Hart and Walter Mondale, favour moving the embassy to Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, Israel's popularity on Capitol Hill was very evident this week, as the House took up the matter of the 1983 fiscal year world-wide foreign aid bill. No serious opposition surfaced to the \$2.5 billion total economic and military grant included for Israel in the legislation — a hefty increase of some \$250m. over the Reagan administration's initial proposal.

An effort by some anti-Israel legislators to express their opposition to the aid levels for Israel failed. Israeli officials and their supporters were very pleased by the outcome of the House deliberation. They hope that their attention to the Senate, where the bill also must be passed.

Lubrani at study day:

'Soul-searching decisions face Israel in Lebanon'

By MENACHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KATZKIN. — Officials dealing with the situation in Lebanon are faced with very tough decisions engendering much soul-searching, Uri Lubrani, the coordinator of Israeli activities in Lebanon, told a large gathering here yesterday at a study day in memory of late chief of staff David Elazar.

The study day, focusing on the Golan, was organized by Tel Aviv University's Institute of Golan Studies.

"Under certain conditions, fierce

fighting could break out among different factions in South Lebanon if we were to withdraw. If we withdraw, we will have to cope with terrorist infiltrations into the area we have left," Lubrani said.

"This is not happening along our line on the Awali River. We will have to weigh very carefully the consequences of any further withdrawals," he said.

Yitzhak Hoff, former head of the Mossad, and former OC Northern Command, said that the Golan Heights are strategically vital for the protection of all of Israel and not only for those living in the North.

Australia to quit MFO in two years

CANBERRA, Australia (AP). — Australian troops will be pulled out of the Sinai Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) within the next two years, Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Hayden has announced.

Hayden said Australia will renew its commitment to the peacekeeping force for another two years, but only because it will take that long for the force to find and conclude negotiations with a country willing to take over Australia's role.

The precise timing of the withdrawal of the 99-man air-transport

unit will be the subject of further negotiation, he said.

"The Australian government does not see its participation in any peacekeeping operation as being open-ended."

"In the case of the (peacekeeping force), the government would hope that the development of a relationship of mutual trust and confidence would, in due course, enable Egypt and Israel to sustain the peace between them without its presence," Hayden said.

Friendship group honours U.S. embassy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Both Israel and the U.S. have made many mistakes regarding Syria, in part because their democratic values put them at a disadvantage in dealing with a totalitarian regime, according to Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche.

He said this last night at a reception held by the Israel-America Friendship Association in honour of

the diplomatic staff at the U.S. embassy.

"The Syrians did not have to worry about public opinion. They could threaten, blackmail, kill, shell and do whatever they wanted," Kimche said. "That was a lesson about our weakness, but more importantly a lesson about our moral strength." He said there was never any reconciliation between Israel and the U.S. over each other's errors.

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Schmuel Schwartz, Irene Zim, Frieda Elion

Papers show Vatican helped Nazis escape

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A leading Italian cardinal provided an escape route from Europe for the German who invented the mobile gas van, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre said yesterday.

In documents released by the Los Angeles centre, including hitherto secret U.S. government papers, the centre reports that Walter Rauff used his close relationship with the then archbishop of Milan, Cardinal Ildefonso Schuster, to escape from Europe at the end of the war.

The Vatican has denied such a link between Rauff and Schuster. The cardinal died in 1954.

In testimony given in a Chilean court in 1962, Rauff admitted to getting help from "a priest" to escape from the Allies in northern Italy, where at the war's end he was serving as a top German official.

The Wiesenthal documents also show that the Vatican may have

provided escape routes for at least another 30 Nazis and that at one point the U.S. government was warned by its own agents in Italy that similar escape routes existed "in every nation's Vatican delegation."

Rauff has been residing in Chile since his escape from Europe.

The Wiesenthal Centre has organized a postcard campaign directed at the Chilean government demanding Rauff's deportation.

The campaign, which in Israel is headed by the Efrat Community Council, aims at sending six million postcards to the Chilean government.

The Efrat Council has distributed more than 60,000 cards to Israelis for mailing, and another 50,000 addressed cards recently arrived here for a second mailing. Those interested in joining the campaign should contact Ephraim Zuroff at Efrat, telephone (02)931-225.

More being spent yearly to improve environment

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel is confronting ecological challenges by increasing annual expenditures on afforestation and anti-pollution activities.

The heightened interest in environmental protection - backed up by hard cash - is reflected in a detailed study by the Central Bureau of Statistics, which was financed by the Interior Ministry's Environmental Protection Service.

The survey covered the years 1978-1982, and observed the money spent on ecology by the government, local authorities, the "national institutions" - the Jewish National Fund and Jewish Agency - and non-profit organizations involved one way or another in environmental improvement.

The study found that in 1982, environmental-improvement costs

accounted for 4.6 per cent of these bodies' spending. Their capital investment in this work - physical plant and equipment, such as new sewage systems and sanitation trucks - came to 1.8 per cent of their spending.

The 1982 outlays on ecology represented an increase of four per cent over the preceding year. About half of the money spent for this purpose in 1982 went for preventive measures such as improved garbage removal and incineration, and sewage control. A third of the funds was used for nature protection, including afforestation, beach maintenance and park construction and care. The rest of the money went towards long-range planning, ecological research and educating school children on the need to preserve natural surroundings.

Youth village gets new sports centre

HAIFA - A \$500,000 sports centre and auditorium was opened yesterday at the Yemin Orde youth village in the presence of British Ambassador Patrick Hamilton Moberly.

The centre was donated by Lord Derwent and his wife, who celebrated a 40th wedding anniversary gift to his wife Hella, in memory of her parents Hugo and Lily Lobi who died in the Holocaust.

The village, south of Haifa on Mount Carmel, is sponsored by Youth Aliya in Great Britain, and is named after Odeh Wingate, the British general who helped the Zionist cause.

Premier's prizes for Arabic literature

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israeli-born writer Anwar Shaul has won the Prime Minister's Prize in Arabic literature, the Prime Minister's office announced this week. At a ceremony next month, he will receive \$75,000 for his book, *And a New Dawn Broke*, and for 20 years of creative writing in Iraq and Israel.

Second prize, worth \$50,000 will go to Mas'ud Humdan, for *Voices of the Grindstone*. The winners were chosen from among 70 entries by the committee members, Haifa poet Mu'ida Ibrahim, Hebrew University lecturer Dr. Yitzhak Hasson and writer-educator Salman Salah.

Fishbreeders pay for 'perfect murder'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA - In what may be the "perfect murder," migrant pelicans swallow the evidence, an estimated \$30 million worth of Israeli pond fish during their biannual stay here on their way from Europe to Africa for the winter.

And the government has put its official seal on the birds' crime and rejected the fishbreeders' demand for compensation.

Amnon Levin, secretary of the Fishbreeders Union, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the government Fund for Nature Damage had rejected the union's demand for compensation for the "100 to 200

tons of fish the pelicans eat out of our ponds every year." The feast causes the breeders a net loss of between \$20 million and \$40m., depending on how long the birds stay here, he said.

He said the fund, to which the farmers contribute 50 per cent, based its rejection on the breeders' inability to produce the *corpus delicti* to prove that the damage had been done.

Levin cited only one instance of the fund's paying compensation. That was last year, when a pelican dropped a three-kilogram carp it had fished out of the ponds of Kibbutz Nir David, and the fish fell on one of the houses, smashing a hole in the roof.

Energy '84 exhibition opens in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV - Latest developments in the field of energy, including a gas cooker for the home that will cut down on gas consumption, are being displayed at the Energy '84 exhibition at the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds.

Three hundred and fifty companies are participating, including the three main fuel companies - Delek, Sonol and Paz. All the activities of the Energy and Infrastructure Ministry and the companies under its jurisdiction are being shown.

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The family of one of the suspects in the Jewish underground case waits outside Jerusalem Police headquarters in the Russian Compound yesterday while a lawyer meets with the suspect inside. (Isaac Harari)

Iran's Jews being harassed, says local community leader

By YOEL DAR
Special to The Jerusalem Post

NAHARIYA - Dozens of Jews have been arrested recently in Iran, a leader of the Iranian community in the North said yesterday. Speaking with journalists here, the man, who asked to remain anonymous, said that the Iranian security forces had burst into Jewish houses in Teheran recently and arrested their owners on suspicion of possessing El Al posters and receipts of donations to synagogues in Israel.

Another group of Jews was arrested on suspicion of attempting to leave the country illegally, he said. The police, he added, refused to permit relatives and families to

visit the detainees.

The source said that last week he telephoned his sister in Teheran. He said she told him only one sentence before hanging up: "We are all right, thanks to Allah and to Khomenei - long live the beloved Ayatollah."

The source believes that his sister ended the conversation for fear that Iranian security forces were tapping their conversation. He appealed to the government to seek international pressure on the Iranian government to stop harassing the Jews. He also asked Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres to discuss the plight of the 40,000 Iranian Jews in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Tel Aviv honours 10 educators

TEL AVIV - Mayor Shlomo Lahat yesterday awarded prizes to 10 outstanding educators for their contributions to the quality of life.

Veteran high-school principal Moshe Landau was cited as "model teacher or principal." The other

prizes, for outstanding teaching, went to Miriam Sitron, Miriam Schwartz, Rita Torkowskii, Ora Sorwitz, Mazel Levy, Shoshana Frishberg, Leah Lidowski, Yosef Zabarak and a group of teachers at the Orim technical high school.

INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE

ball-point pen factory in the U.S. in order to obtain the technology for making small ball-bearings which were later used in the gyroscopes of rocket-guidance systems.

In another instance, two factories for gold and silver plating of tableware were bought in England in order to obtain the technology for coating electronic components in military hardware.

Another two factories for making galvanized plastic sheets were also reportedly acquired in England for the sole purpose of utilizing certain electronic devices contained in some of the machinery.

A large truck factory located in Maberisny-Chelny on the Volga River, built largely with legally acquired Western know-how, is today devoted almost exclusively to the manufacture of military vehicles, most of which are being sent to the Afghanistan front.

Other cases are reported of outright theft of sophisticated Western products similar to the recent incident in California's "Silicon Valley," where a local engineer was charged with complicity with the Soviets. A more glaring incident occurred several years ago at a technological fair in Moscow, where several products were removed from the exhibition of a Western country with KGB help.

The wide-ranging Soviet acquisition efforts are necessary, say the former Soviet citizens, because of that country's serious lag in sophisticated technology, especially in electronics and computers.

The Soviets, on the other hand,

are abreast of the West or even ahead of it in such fields as design, metallurgy and mathematics. Thus, a Soviet fighter plane is likely to be on a par, or ahead of, its Western counterpart in design and aerodynamic performance but lags behind in its instrumentation.

The Soviet Union, it is claimed, is also ahead of the West in the field of parapsychology and has made important advances in applying extrasensory perception to military uses. This has included telepathic communication with cosmonauts and submariners.

A secret laboratory for developing clairvoyance abilities (i.e. reading other people's thoughts) for military purposes, has reportedly been operating in the city of Kiev since 1966. The experiments for communication with cosmonauts and others telepathically, or by what is termed bio-energy, is being developed at a special research institute located in the town of Zokovsky outside of Moscow.

Several scientists and so called "mediums" or psychics have reportedly been incarcerated by Soviet authorities for refusing to participate in experiments designed to control mind processes by both psychic and mechanical means.

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Shipyards' workers walk out of negotiations

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA - The works committee of the Israel Shipyards yesterday broke off negotiations with management over the dismissal of 180 of the 850 employees for efficiency reasons.

The committee walked out after general manager Michael Cohen told them that part of the two refrigerated ships the shipyard is to build for Zim and Agrexco, will be farmed out to a foreign yard. The committee said that this violated the government's promise to build both

the ships in return for their agreement to the dismissals.

The shipyard's board chairman, Shlomo Erel, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that he hoped this is only a storm in a teacup. He will meet the committee today to emphasize the gravity of the situation.

The Finance Ministry agreed to a "considerable" subsidy to enable the yard to build the two ships for an estimated \$50 million and it is usual to farm out about 25 per cent of the work, he said.

He warned that if the workers do

not agree, the government may stop the aid to the yard, which will make it impossible to pay salaries and bring about the appointment of a receiver.

He said that farming out some of the work is necessary to enable the yard to abide by the timetable, which calls for completion of both ships by autumn 1986, in time for the farming export season. It is also necessary for financial and technological reasons because both ships need complex refrigeration technology of which the yard has no experience.

Soviets detain Jewish woman seeking to emigrate

MOSCOW (AP) - A Soviet Jewish woman who has been trying to emigrate to Israel for seven years and staged two hunger strikes to press her demand was again detained in a psychiatric hospital last week, dissident sources said.

The sources told Western reporters on Tuesday that Nadia Fradkova, a 37-year-old mathematician resident in Leningrad, was detained by the authorities on May 2, taken to a psychiatric hospital and released after two days without explanation.

Fradkova, who first applied to emigrate in 1977, staged a hunger strike in the spring of 1983 and late last year.

Both hunger strikes ended after she was taken to a Leningrad hospital and force-fed.

Boy found dead in silo was day short of 13

BEERSHEBA (Him) - Gai Segalovich, of Kibbutz Magen, who was smothered to death when he fell into the Kibbutz's wheat silo on Wednesday, was one day short of his 13th birthday. A kibbutz member found Gai's body among the grain at the silo's lower opening.

Indecent behaviour at Turkish bath

Four men were charged with indecent behaviour in the Turkish bath in Jerusalem during a session of the magistrate's court here this week. The four - three Jews and an Arab - were said to have been involved in two separate incidents at the bath last year.

Recently ultra-orthodox residents near the Bukharian neighbourhood where the bath is located have attacked its owners, claiming that the bath is the scene of homosexual activity. (Him)

W. German minister to be Ne'eman's guest

Heinz Reisenhuber, the West German Minister of Research and Technology, is to arrive for an official visit on Saturday, the Prime Minister's Office announced this week. He will be the guest of Science and Technology Minister Yuval Ne'eman.

Bakeries in North threaten to stop work next week

Jerusalem Post Staff

KIRYAT SHMONA - Bakeries in the North will stop producing bread altogether next week if the Industry and Trade Ministry continues to truck in supplies of standard bread from other parts of the country, the Bakery Owners Association here said yesterday.

Ten thousand loaves of *halla* selling for the official price were sent yesterday from bakeries in the centre of the country to development towns in the North, the ministry

spokesman said. More than 13,000 loaves of standard bread were also sent to the North yesterday, he said.

The bakery owners, who are protesting against the erosion of their profits on subsidized bread, yesterday produced only "enriched," more expensive loaves for the third consecutive day.

Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt reiterated yesterday that he is willing to discuss with the bakers their profit on standard bread.



A police investigator photographs one of the 15 cars whose tires were found punctured yesterday morning while parked in Rehov Elmaleh in Jerusalem's Katamon quarter. (Rahamim Israeli)

Seamen go to court on early retirement fund

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA - The High Court of Justice has ordered the finance minister to show cause within 30 days why the Early Retirement Pension Fund for seamen should not be put into operation.

The order nisi was granted at the request of the Marine Officers Union.

Union spokesman Erez Ivry told *The Jerusalem Post* that the men and the companies have been paying

contributions into the fund since 1969, and that it now totals "between 10 and 20 million dollars."

Under the fund's regulations, a seaman would be able to retire at the age of 55, after 25 years of service at sea. If the actuarial condition of the fund allows it, the retirement age will be gradually reduced to 45 years, but the 25 years' service proviso is to remain.

The Finance Ministry fears that the fund would create a precedent, and objects to some of its terms.

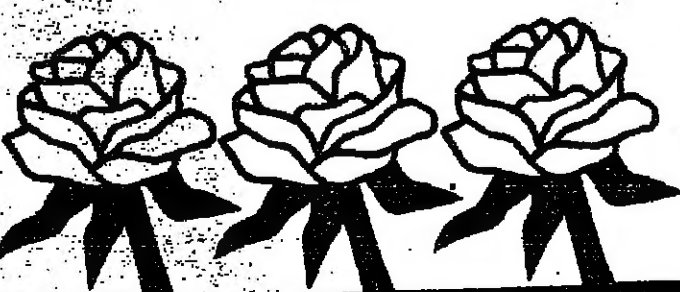
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World Court rules for Nicaragua

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP). — The World Court yesterday ordered the U.S. to halt military actions against Nicaragua, saying "the sovereignty and political independence of Nicaragua should be respected."

In a unanimous decision by the 15-judge panel, the court ruled that the United States should cease and refrain from any actions in restricting, blocking or endangering the access to Nicaragua and from Nicaraguan ports and in particular the laying of mines.

The provisional measures sought by Nicaragua in its allegation that the U.S. government is waging "armed attacks" against it included a ruling that "the right to sovereignty and political independence of Nicaragua" should be respected like the sovereignty and political independence of any other state in the region or in the world, and that it should not be jeopardized by military or paramilitary actions.

The second ruling did not have the unanimous support of the 15-judge

panel. Issuance of the interim measures meant that the court, known formally as the International Court of Justice, had thrown out the U.S. contention that the court has no jurisdiction in the dispute between Nicaragua and the U.S., which is supporting "Contra" forces fighting against the Managua government.

Last month, Washington sources confirmed that the CIA has directed the laying of mines in Nicaraguan waters.

Under its procedural statutes, the court is empowered to take the interim measures requested by Nicaragua when the sovereign rights of a nation are in jeopardy, even before final adjudication in a case.

The World Court, judicial arm of the UN has no enforcement powers and depends on voluntary adherence to its rulings.

Carlos Arguello, the Nicaraguan ambassador to the Netherlands and his country's chief representative at the court, said that the court decision was "a moral victory" for the Sand-

nista government, and that the ruling of "a prestigious organ" like this World Court would have a "positive effect" on the Contadora peace process.

The Contadora group, consisting of Colombia, Venezuela, Panama, and Mexico, is conducting negotiations with all Central American nations aimed at finding a comprehensive solution for the political, social, and military problems of the region.

Davis Robinson, the U.S. representative in the case, declined any comment at the court's ruling.

In Washington, White House deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said President Ronald Reagan would have no immediate comment on the ruling.

"We're going to let our lawyers here and at the State Department study the official statement of the court before we comment on it," Speakes said.

He said there was no change in the administration's position that the U.S. would not be bound by court decisions involving Nicaragua.

Chile's president to be probed on real estate deals

SANTIAGO (AP). — An appeals court Wednesday ordered an investigation into land purchases by President Augusto Pinochet for possible fraud and conflict of interest.

Legal historians said the decision adopted by a 13-11 vote of Santiago's appellate judges, started the first court-ordered criminal investigation of a Chilean president.

The court majority assigned one of its members, Alberto Echavarría, to study a series of complex real estate deals that passed five acres of expropriated lots to the Chilean military ruler for about \$25,000 less than the state paid for them.

The court acted on a criminal complaint, backed by 20 real-estate documents, that was filed last Friday by 24 non-Communist opposition leaders and independent lawyers. They charged that Pinochet used his position for private benefit and defrauded the state — crimes punishable by removal from office fines and imprisonment.

Pinochet, the army commander who seized power in a 1973 coup, sought to minimize the political damage of the complaint by donating the property to the state and orchestrating a public campaign of support.

SA police probing vandalism aimed at Jews and Moslems

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — The police Wednesday investigated exchanges of vandalism aimed at Jews and Moslems on the campus of the University of the Witwatersrand.

Anti-Semitic graffiti appeared on walls near the campus earlier this week. Last week, Jewish students protested that Moslem students were circulating abusive material about Israel's role in the Middle East and its 1982 invasion of Lebanon.

The latest incident was discovered Wednesday — 18 small-calibre bullets had been fired into the door of the Moslem prayer room on the campus. The shooting apparently occurred after nightfall and no one was known to be in the area at the time.

There was no claim of responsibility for the vandalism. The Moslem Students Association condemned the anti-Semitic graffiti and denied being responsible.

Moslem and Jewish student leaders have said in the past that unidentified third parties have tried to incite the groups.

Student organizations in South Africa are often nervous about their membership. Security police have admitted to planting spies in the groups. There have also been occasions when, without explanation, leaflets appear that embarrass groups or incorrectly cancel or schedule meetings.

I.D. CARDS. — The Chinese government has announced yesterday that it is introducing identity cards for all citizens over 16, a move which will tighten police control over the country's one billion people.

Libya aids Sudanese rebels, says U.S. official in Egypt

CAIRO (AP). — A senior U.S. State Department official said yesterday the U.S. has "no reason to doubt" Sudanese allegations that Libya is behind efforts to destabilize the government of President Ja'afar Numeiri.

"The Sudanese government faces a number of challenges — economic and political," said Chester Crocker, assistant secretary of state for African affairs.

Crocker told reporters that the Reagan administration believes there should be a political solution to Sudan's internal problems, including labour unrest in the Moslem north and open rebellion in the Christian and animist south.

"At the same time, this problem is being exacerbated by support from across the Sudanese border," Crocker added.

Crocker spoke with reporters fol-

lowing a series of meetings with President Hosni Mubarak. Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and other officials after his arrival from Khartoum, where he conferred with Numeiri.

The visit to Sudan and Egypt was announced shortly after Numeiri imposed a state of emergency in Sudan on April 29 to counter labour unrest, corruption and the rebellion among southern Sudanese opposed to his decree of Islamic law last year.

Following a 75-minute meeting with Mubarak, Crocker said Numeiri remains committed to a policy of "reconciliation and peace" with his domestic opponents as well as his neighbouring Ethiopia and Libya.

Numeiri has accused both the pro-Soviet countries of supporting southern rebels and trying to exploit unrest over Sudan's sluggish economy.

Weinberger to attend military talks in Rabat

RABAT (Reuters). — U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger is to attend the third meeting of the Joint American-Moroccan military commission in Rabat on May 17-18, diplomatic sources said here yesterday.

Weinberger, who is to arrive from Lisbon, will be the fourth high-ranking U.S. official to visit Morocco in recent months after Secretary of State George Shultz, Agriculture Secretary John Block and Com-

merce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige.

The commission was set up two years ago after then secretary of state Alexander Haig said Morocco had agreed to grant transit facilities for the U.S. rapid-deployment force in the event of an emergency in the Persian Gulf.

Since then U.S. military aid to Morocco has been stepped up, amounting to \$100 million for the current year.

Turks, Cypriots differ on Reagan plan

ANKARA (AP). — Premier Turgut Ozal yesterday praised President Ronald Reagan's plan to set up a Cyprus peace and reconstruction fund as reflecting a "positive approach of common sense."

But Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou said in New York on Wednesday he was disheartened that Reagan had proposed setting up a Cyprus peace fund instead of pressing Turkey into ending partition.

Kyprianou is in New York for a Security Council debate on the Cyprus problem.

In a written statement to the U.S. Congress, Reagan had proposed that "rather than punishing Turkey, let us focus constructive energy on ways of encouraging the parties on Cyprus itself."

He suggested a fund of \$250 million to be used after a solution acceptable to both parties was reached on the Cyprus dispute. On

Wednesday, the House of Representatives approved this full amount while cutting down military aid to Turkey from a proposed \$755m. to \$670m.

The House of Representatives on Wednesday also rejected an attempt that would have banned military aid to countries whose UN votes differed from those of the US more than 85 per cent of the time. The House adopted a substitute that makes UN votes only a "major" consideration in determining the amount of aid.

Floods hit southern Brazil

SAO PAULO (Reuters). — Floods have killed six persons and forced nearly 3,000 out of their homes in Brazil's southern state of Rio Grande do Sul, according to a civil defence spokesman.

Florida electrocutes millionaire's murderer

STARKE, Florida (AP). — James Adams died yesterday in Florida's electric chair at the state prison for the beating death of a millionaire rancher more than a decade ago, becoming the fifth convict executed in the state since the death penalty was restored and the 19th nationwide.

Adams, 47, was convicted of the murder of Edgar Brown, a rancher and former St. Lucie County sheriff's deputy who was beaten to death during a November 12, 1973, robbery at his home.

The U.S. Supreme Court, the

highest court in the U.S., cleared the way for Adams' execution Wednesday night, voting 5-4 in favour of the state's emergency request to lift a stay of execution a lower federal panel granted a day earlier.

Tuesday afternoon, Adams told reporters at a prison news conference that he was innocent and had been "railroaded."

But the Tennessee native, who studied in prison so he could read the Bible, said he had become a confirmed Christian and had forgiven his prosecutors.



This photo taken from a TV screen shows the bodies of four terrorists reportedly killed by Libyan soldiers on Tuesday after they attacked an army barracks in Tripoli in an attempt to assassinate Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi. (UPI telephoto)

Rescheduled debt payments bolster Sudanese economy

KHARTOUM (AP). — Sudanese officials hope President Ja'afar Numeiri's recent crackdown on black-marketers plus the decision by foreign creditors to reschedule debt payments will improve Sudan's ailing economy and reduce opposition to his regime.

Since Numeiri imposed a state of emergency on April 29, police have rounded up more than 1,500 drug and alcohol dealers, smugglers and other black-market operators whom the president has accused of undermining the already sluggish national economy.

Last week, the Club of Paris, an unofficial group of Western lenders, agreed to reschedule Sudan's 1984 debt repayments over a 16-year period. The amount of the rescheduled debt was not announced, but official figures show the country owes foreign creditors nearly \$9 billion.

"We have rescheduled almost the bulk of our debts for this year," Akel Atta al-Manan, general director of the economy, told the Associated Press. "And now we are in a position to proceed with our plans to improve the situation."

Al-Manan said Sudan had been

using 40 per cent of its annual export earnings, mostly from agricultural products, just to repay the interest on foreign debts. With the rescheduling, the percentage had been lowered to 10 per cent, he added.

The poor state of Sudan's economy, including widespread shortages of food, fuel and other essentials, has been a major reason behind an armed rebellion in the south and a wave of labour unrest in the Moslem north. Numeiri's traditional power base.

Sudanese officials claim the widespread black market has been largely responsible for food shortages — the major source of northern discontent. Non-Moslem southerners resent the government's imposition of Islamic law last year, but northerners generally supported the move.

But in the country with vast agricultural potential, where 80 per cent of the 22 million people work the land, housewives in Khartoum and other cities must stand in long lines for scarce supplies of sugar, meat and other commodities.

Petrol is also rationed, and often supplies are so scarce that urban Sudanese must spend whole days searching for service stations with enough fuel to fill their tanks.

Pope confers with king of Thailand

BANGKOK (Reuters). — Pope John Paul met King Bhumibol Adulyadej yesterday after arriving to a simple but warm welcome in mostly-Buddhist Thailand and thanked the monarch for giving sanctuary to Indo-Chinese refugees.

The Pope told the king his 34-hour visit here was an expression of his personal thanks "for the generous hospitality given to thousands and thousands of refugees from neigh-

bouring countries.

"Since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 and the Vietnamese invasion of Kampuchea in 1978 more than half a million refugees have fled to Thailand. Most have been resettled in other countries.

Later the pope celebrated a sunset mass in a stadium attended by 40,000 of Thailand's 200 million Roman Catholics.

Former Sikh leader slain

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — A former head priest of the Sikh religion was shot dead by gunmen yesterday in the holy city of Amritsar in a sudden escalation of violence in the north Indian state of Punjab, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

The news agency said gunmen killed Giani Partap Singh, former head of the Sikhs' highest order of priests, the Akal Takhat, in the city that has become the focus for Sikh extremist attacks in the past six months.

PTI did not give any further details of the shooting and did not identify the assailants, whom police believe may belong to a rival Sikh group.

PTI also reported that two Sikhs were killed in a clash with paramilitary troops of the central reserve police force in Firozpur yesterday.

Troops fired in self-defence when attacked by a group of Sikh temple guards travelling on a bus, the agency added.

Indian bill to stop bride-burning

NEW DELHI (AP). — The Indian government proposed a bill Wednesday designed to crack down on "bride-burning" by dowry-hungry husbands and in-laws.

The government introduced in parliament a bill that would revise the definition of dowry in the Dowry Prohibition Act of 1961, substituting the words "in connection with the marriage" for "as consideration for the marriage."

The bill also seeks to stiffen penalties for giving or taking dowry, but it

was not immediately clear what the penalties would be.

Dowry should be restored to a woman within three months instead of one year, and failure to repay it within that time will result in more stringent punishment, the bill says.

Though payment of dowry is illegal in India, it is an ancient Hindu tradition that is still widely practised. It has spawned a phenomenon known here as "bride-burning" in which women are burned alive by greedy husbands and in-laws for not meeting their dowry demands.

Cosmonauts get mail in space

MOSCOW (Reuters). — An unmanned Soviet cargo craft carrying fuel and supplies docked yesterday with the orbiting space station Salyut-7.

It said Progress-21, which was launched two days before, had successfully linked up with Salyut after being guided towards its rendezvous by onboard automatic equipment.

The craft was carrying mail, food, oxygen and instruments for scientific experiments as well as fuel for Salyut's propulsion unit, Tass said.

Progress-21 is the third unmanned freighter to dock with the station since it was occupied by cosmonauts Leonid Kizim, Vladimir Solovoyov and Oleg Atkov three months ago.

Sports

Tarnishing the metal

Post Sports Staff

Millions of sportsmen around the world are wondering what the impact of a Communist boycott of the Los Angeles Games will be on the events which they will be seeing on the television sets, even assuming that the other East European countries follow Moscow's suit. There can be no doubt that the Games will go on, and that there will be some extraordinary performances by athletes from countries opposed to the Russian move. On the other hand, the gold, silver and bronze will all be tarnished by the absence of potential winners, by thoughts of what might have been.

In the World Track and Field Championships in Helsinki last August, the East Germans garnered no fewer than ten gold medals, compared to the United States eight, the Russians six and the Czechs four. Among East European stars were sprinters Marita Koch and Marlies Gohr, middle distance runner Jarmela Krotchvilova, Tamara Bykova and Jennaly Advenko the high

jumpers. Who will ever forget the sight of Krotchvilova striding to the tape to break the four minute barrier in the 400 m.? Or the triple jump contest in which unknown Zdzislaw Hoffmann of Poland literally stole the show from the odds-on certainty, Willie Bank? Bank urging his opponent on to greater efforts was one of the finest sporting spectacles ever shown on a television screen, and everyone was eagerly awaiting Bank trying to avenge his defeat.

The swimming too will provide hollow victories for men and women from the West, denied a chance to battle against the East Germans who dominated the last European swimming championships and the last Olympics. Then the East German women won every single event.

One must nonetheless weep for the Communist sportsmen and women who will see their Western competitors smashing records and gathering fame, and who will be haunted by the knowledge of what they might have achieved if it had not been for their political leaders.

SOCCER PREVIEW

No quarter given in Hatikva's key match

By PAUL KOHN

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A game played at the Hatikva Quarter tomorrow in which every point won or lost will be crucial to both teams, relegation-haunted Bnei Yehuda and league leaders Betar Jerusalem, will be the centrepiece of the weekend football action. Games kick off at 5 p.m.

The silky smoothness with which Betar won points in the first half of the season has turned to rough and tough going with Uri Malmullian, Eli Ohana and Yaakov Schwartz. Betar clearly have the class in this encounter. They have scored 40 goals this season compared to Bnei Yehuda's meagre tally of 24. But as their position deteriorated and looked beyond hope, the Bnei Yehuda have picked themselves up to fight for every ball and every point. For the first time in many months, the Hatikva Quarter team is now above the relegation line and are in 15th place.

They can be sure not to yield a centimetre in what promises to be a very hard fought game in which any result could emerge.

Baines ends record length game by belting 25th-inning homer

NEW YORK (AP). — Harold Baines belted a home run with one out in the bottom of the 25th inning on Wednesday night to give the Chicago White Sox a 7-6 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers and end the longest game in American League baseball history.

Baines' second homer of the year put the cap on a game that took 8 hours and 6 minutes to play, making it the longest game time-wise in Major-League history. The game began Tuesday night and was sus-

pended by an 8 1/2-hour rain after 17 innings and 5-2 tied at 3-3.

In the regularly scheduled game, Scott Fletcher's two-run single broke a 3-3 tie in the seventh inning and helped the White Sox to another triumph, 5-4.

Wednesday's Games: Chicago 7, Los Angeles 6; Cincinnati 4, Montreal 4; New York 3, Atlanta 1; San Diego 3, St. Louis 2; Houston 7, Philadelphia 1; San Francisco at Pittsburgh, postponed.

Wednesday's Games: Seattle 4, Oakland 1; Boston 2, Texas 6; New York 11, Cleveland 4; Baltimore 7, Toronto 4 and 2-3; Detroit 6, Kansas City 1; Chicago 7, Milwaukee 6, 25 innings, completion of suspended game Chicago 5, Milwaukee 4; Minnesota 5, California 2.

Masterly Bird

BOSTON (AP). — The Boston Celtics, led by Larry Bird and Kevin McHale, charged to a 27-point lead early in the second half, withstood a New York comeback and went on to a 121-99 victory over the Knicks. The victory gave them a 3-2 lead in their National Basketball Association playoff series.

Bird finished with 26 points and McHale 22 as the Celtics moved to within one victory of advancing to the Eastern Conference final. They will play either Milwaukee or New Jersey with the Bucks leading 3-2. The Lakers are already through and play the winners of the Phoenix-Utah contest with the Suns 3-2 ahead.

20 Israelis running London Marathon

By Hyam Corney
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — An official 20-strong Israeli team will be among the 18,000 runners competing in the London Marathon on Sunday. The Israelis are being sponsored by British Wizo which hopes to raise £10,000 for Israel from the venture.

The group is led by Israel's veteran marathon champion Barry Shaw and includes Mezzal Shalom, the local No. 2 woman over the distance.

Rehovot double

Post Sports Staff
Hapoel Rehovot completed the double in Israeli handball when they defeated Maccabi Rishon LeZion 24-20 in the final of the State Cup played at the Tel Aviv University hall. At half time the scores were level 11-11.

Rehovot had already triumphed in the National League.

Impressive yachting

Post Sports Staff
The Israeli yachtsmen Shimshon Brokman and Eitan Friedlander continue to turn in impressive performances at the European 470 sailing championships being contested off Salou, Spain. At the end of two races the Israeli duo are in second spot behind the Dutch pair Tuest and Bos. In the second race the Israeli team came in second behind the Koskull brothers of Finland.

SCOREBOARD

BADMINTON: Defending champions China were virtually assured of a semifinal berth in the men's world cup — the Thomas Cup tournament — after struggling to defeat Denmark 3B2. In the Uber Cup, the women's equivalent, England thrashed Malaysia 5B4 to be virtually assured of a semifinal berth in Group A, while Japan narrowly overcame Indonesia 3B2 in Group B.

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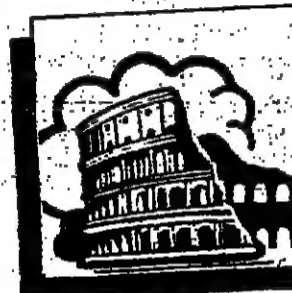


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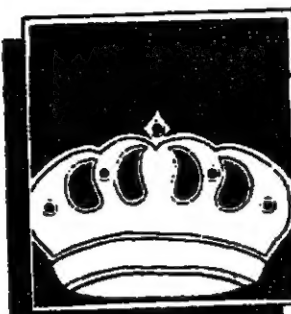


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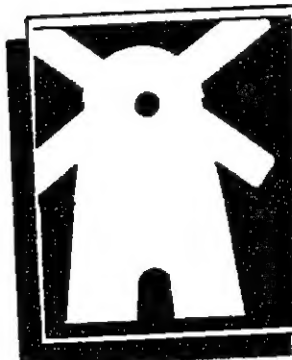
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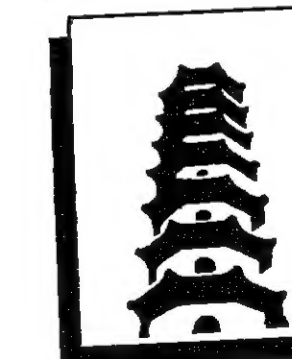


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IN A WEEK when Gush Emunim had the temerity to attack President Chaim Herzog for speaking out against terrorist elements, it was illuminating to hear Premier Yitzhak Shamir doing his best to play down the possible terror link to the Gush. My pals at Metsudat Ze'ev, the Herut HQ, say Shamir was making comforting noises in the direction of the natural constituency of Ariel Sharon. Meanwhile he and Deputy Premier David Levy were clipping Arik's wings via the party's internal elections.

Some Herut-watchers say that the two friendly rivals were heading the recent warning of ex-government secretary Arye Naor: "Shamir, Levy and Co. must combine to crush Sharon before he crushes them." A very irate Arik was heard at the Herut Central Committee upbraiding certain party members with the charge, "You want to defeat Sharon rather than Labour."

Shamir and Levy apparently want to maintain intact their quarter of power with Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad in the next cabinet. But the success of former finance minister Yoram Aridor in Herut's internal vote suggests that with electoral success, Shamir may be hard-pressed to come up with a senior position for Aridor, who heads the Herut secretariat. Will Cohen-Orad take the strong hint from party colleagues about unbending his economic policy before the elections?

IT'S DOUBTFUL that there'll be drastic changes in the Herut-Liberal alliance as long as Menachem Begin is around. I heard this week that before he totally isolated himself, Herut's creator called in David Levy and Deputy Minister Dov Shilansky to reproach them for demanding a revision of the present arrangement. I was told he said, "It's immaterial how many or how few votes the Liberals bring. What matters is for voters to feel they're casting their ballots for a big bloc. If we drop them, we'll get 35 (Knesset seats) and not 48 as in 1981."

IT'S HARD to keep up with Ezer Weizman, who is running hard for his Yahad party. At first all govern-

Stroking Sharon's supporters

ment MKs were "tainted" by the Lebanon war. Now he again jabs at the government with the line that Sharon alone was not to blame. The Likud is now letting everyone know that Weizman phoned Shamir the day Aridor quit the Treasury to offer his services - to no avail. More recently, Herut sources now claim, Shamir delegated Ronnie Milo to arrange a meeting with Weizman but the latter banged the door shut by launching Yahad. Ezer will be off to the U.S. early in June on a coast-to-coast fund-raising drive. The American Friends of Yahad was duly registered last week with the U.S. Justice Department by his attorney pal Leon Charney who told me in a trans-Atlantic phone chat that he has already set up meetings for Weizman in New York, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Indianapolis and Atlanta. He also has put together a skeleton organization of volunteers across the country. Weizman recently said he hopes to raise 65 per cent of his \$2.5m. budget overseas.

THERE'S GOING to be little room for fresh faces on Labour's list, what with almost all the incumbents being reinstated and Peres' commitment to line-crossing Yitzhak Peretz and Amnon Linn. One near certainty is the placement of Prof. Israel Libai, president of the Israel Bar Association, while popular party spokesman and youth division choice Dr. Yossi Beilin will compete for a place with Hebrew University vice-president Simcha Dinitz. I hear that the latter is not getting on at all at the party's campaign HQ (where he was installed by Peres as deputy information head), with either campaign manager Moshe Shahal or information chief Moshe Shahal. Significantly Peres told would-be candidate and Tel Aviv University historian Shlomo Ben-Ami: "I think that party harmony is more important than new faces on the list."

I owe an apology to Israel Broadcasting Authority's new director-general, Uri Porat, for having blamed him for vetoing the revival of



the satirical programme *Nikui Rosh*. Apparently the initiative came from IBA's new chairman, Micha Yonon, who is proving his worth to his right-wing NRP friends.

It was nice to have the 1984 Israel Prize awarded to the country's development towns on the 35th anniversary of their founding, but why was the crucial role played in this by the late labour and housing minister Dr. Giora Josephthal ignored? Could it have anything to do with his party affiliation?

The first Independence Day garden party given by President Chaim Herzog, which also marked almost one year since he took office, afforded guests the opportunity to see what wonders his wife Aura has wrought on the grounds of and inside Beit Hanassi. Not for nothing is she international president of the Council for a Beautiful Israel. Newly installed in the front garden are busts of the previous five presidents. Alongside a magnificent statue of Benjamin Ze'ev Herzl, donated by

Dr. Reuven Hecht of Haifa, stands the famous Jacob Epstein head of Chaim Weizmann. When I asked Mrs. Herzog where the art work came from, she said they had all been inside the house.

Anyone interested in witnessing the making of an ambassador should have watched how the man sure to be our envoy to the UN, Eli Rubinstein, hung on every word uttered by Yitzhak Shamir at the garden party. I gather it's not quite clear when the outgoing envoy, Yehuda Blum, will be returning to Israel though his term ends in the summer. His tenure at the Hebrew University law school has formally expired. New York Consul-General Naftali Lavie came home to Jerusalem for Pessah, and it was during the visit that his term of duty reportedly was extended by another year.

THE SAM and Sallie Festival is upon us, as the popular U.S. ambassador and his equally popular wife mark their seventh year in Israel.

Colleagues at the embassy plan to celebrate the anniversary with a shindig next weekend. Meanwhile the Sam and Sallie Admiralty Society, officially entitled the Israel-America Friendship Society, scheduled a huge bash for the Lewises at Wizo House, loaned by Raya Jaglom, World Wizo president. Present were Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dulzian and Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche. Some guests had to cut short their stay due to a conflicting engagement across town, a party by sister-in-law Dita Jaglom held in honour of Lord Marcus Sieff. Lord Sieff will officiate at next week's 50th anniversary celebration of the Weizmann Institute and at the 35th annual session of the institute's board of governors, of which he is chairman. A guest of honour will be West German Science and Technology Minister, Dr. Heinz Riesenhuber, the first German minister to visit here since the troubled trip of Chancellor Helmut Kohl. A RECIPIENT of an honorary

doctorate from the Weizmann Institute will be New York financial magnate Ludwig Jesselson, the Maccabee of American Jewish education. I met the boss of the Fibro-Salagon Brothers financial house in Jerusalem this week, where he and his human dynamo of a wife, Erica Jesselson, were both busy at the international council of Sha'arei Zedek Hospital.

THE APPOINTMENT of ex-Shin Bet chief Yosef Harmelin, 61, as comptroller of the defence establishment appears to have been overlooked in the media. A former ambassador to Tehran and Pretoria, Harmelin's apolitical stand and admirable integrity makes him an ideal choice for the difficult post.

RUTH DAYAN has travelled throughout the most dangerous parts of the world, but she had to wait to be near home in Herzliya Pituah to be mugged by two masked men. The robbery took place in the roadway adjoining the U.S. ambassador's residence, and although she tried to fight off the robbers, the guard in the sentry-box of the Lewis' gateway failed to hear her cries for help.

THE DEATH of U.S. General Mark Clark last week has revived memories of his role as U.S. military governor of divided Austria, when he granted the permit to bring the remains of Herzl and his wife for burial in Jerusalem.

According to Foreign Ministry lore, the formal request for Clark was made by the Jewish Agency's emissary in Europe, Dr. Gideon Ruffer, who later became ministry director-general Gideon Raphael.

The story goes that Clark obligingly wrote an official letter addressed to "Dr. Theodor Herzl, the World Zionist Organization, Vienna Office." "In respect of your request to remove the remains of Dr. Gideon Ruffer and his wife, I wish to go on record that we have no objections."

THE DISCOUNT BANK's resident genie, Benno Gitter, held his 65th birthday midweek at his Nof Tel Aviv home, where he and his wife, Alice, entertained many of their friends, including Oved and Iana Ben-Ami, and many diplomatic couples, including the American, Sam and Sallie Lewis; the British, Patrick and Mary Moberley; and the Dutch, Marten Pieter and Constance van Berckel.

ALDOUS HUXLEY'S *Brave New World* is coming into existence here and now, according to Prof. Mordechai Sharf, president of the eighth conference of gynecologists and midwives held in Haifa. He speaks of "a world where men will be irrelevant in the conception of children," talking of genetic engineering and scientific innovations that could allow women to reproduce without the help of males.

"We're playing at God," he warned the scientific community.

TEL AVIV Mayor Shlomo Lahav has bestowed the title of "First Benefactor of Tel Aviv" on Archie Sherman, of London, who endowed the city with a range of services.

GET-WELL greetings to Jerusalem city spokesman Rafi Davara, who is recovering from a heart attack.

Sha'arei Zedek has honoured And-schitz survivor Dr. Gisela Perz with a pediatric division named after the woman who had to work as a gynecologist alongside the infamous Dr. Josef Mengele. Sha'arei Zedek's new director-general, Dr. Michael Rosenbluth, and other physicians hailed Dr. Perz for her inspiration.

Mrs. Jesselson spoke of the doctor's "the ambassador of the six million." Many wept at the ceremony as the diminutive woman related how she had to help pregnant Jewish women abort in the death camp late at night so that Mengele would not suspect them to their deaths. Her co-guest of honour was Manhattan super-agent of screen, TV and stage stars, Milton Goldman, who unveiled a plaque adjoining Dr. Perz's in memory of his parents, Dora and Max Goldman. He lightened the heavy atmosphere with his witty remarks.

WRITE ON

By MARSHA POMERANTZ/Jerusalem Post Reporter

difficulty of organizing people who are constitutionally allergic to organization. Those writers who are somewhat established, who have publishing contacts and moral support from friends and colleagues, are less likely to see the need for a larger, official, organization.

SO WHY bother? One of the most useful things the IAWWE might do is continue the publication of *arc*, a literary magazine which has only seen the light of day once, about a year ago. The issue is uneven in quality but has some good material in it - fiction and poetry. A second issue, coordinated by poet Ed Codish, is all set up, but awaiting another \$1,200 or so for printing.

The first issue was financed largely by an anonymous donation; the second issue hasn't had that luck yet. And the question of quality is a

vicious circle: it will only be good if more of the best English writers in the country contribute to it; but why should the best writers contribute if it hasn't proven itself yet?

Besides, English writers in Israel suffer from a kind of schizophrenia. As Zygmunt Frankel, secretary of the organization, points out, they are the only major immigrant group that haven't burned their cultural bridges. They have access to current writing abroad and to visiting writers; and as the meeting's roll-call demonstrated, they travel. But just as they are more attuned to new writing in the wide world, they also want to be published out there, where the real audiences are.

A tiny notice in *The Jerusalem Post* about the appearance of the first issue of *arc* recently elicited 20 cheques and requests for the issue from readers. So there is a potential audi-

ence in Israel. But it hasn't been developed, and many English-language writers here aren't even aware of each other's existence, to say nothing of an audience.

A GROWING number of English writers has sought out Hebrew audiences through translation. Riva Rubin, Karen Alkalay and Esther Cameron are among those who have published volumes of poetry in translation. Some of the books include work which hasn't yet been published in English. So perhaps there is a need for contact and stimulation among English-language writers and readers. That means overcoming a vast amount of indifference, inertia, distrust and disdain.

About a year ago, IAWWE and Tel Aviv University co-sponsored an international conference on creative writing, which brought some significant experimental writers from abroad - including Raymond Federman from the U.S. and Gabriel Josipovici from England.

In the last several months there have been two public readings for local writers in English - one at the Ramat Gan Museum and one at Writers' House in Tel Aviv. But most active IAWWE members feel that publishing a journal of some

quality is more important than other activities designed to put writers in touch with each other and with readers. And publication depends on funds.

According to the IAWWE charter, membership in the organization is open to "writers engaged in all fields of literature (poetry, fiction, drama, essay, criticism and contemplative writings) who reside permanently in Israel and write in the English language."

So far, publication of at least one book "by a recognized publisher" has also been a prerequisite. But one of the purposes of the ill-attended recent meeting was to discuss the possibility of opening up membership to poets and fiction writers who have published a number of works in magazines, but not a complete book.

One problem with that, as Codish points out, is that a membership

committee would have to determine what is sufficient in quantity and quality. "It would require some members here to sit in judgment of others, which is what the original regulation tried to avoid."

Codish believed that *arc* is "on a level which need embarrass no one" and that the group's literary evenings "can hold their own with anything anywhere in the world." For those sceptical of the pace of the organization's development, he says "a foreign-language organization of writers is not going to be a mass movement." This group deserves some attention, he feels, "because it's English which is more important than Bosnian."

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Beamidbar, Iyar 24 (May 26)	6:57	8:17	7:15	8:19	9:09
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Beha'alotcha, Sivan 9 (June 9)	7:05	8:26	7:23	8:28	9:18
Shlah Lecha, Sivan 16 (June 16)	7:08	8:29	7:26	8:32	9:22
Korah, Sivan 23 (June 23)	7:10	8:31	7:28	8:33	9:24
Hukat, Sivan 30 (June 30)	7:11	8:31	7:29	8:33	9:25
Balak, Tammuz 7 (July 7)	7:11	8:31	7:29	8:33	9:25
Matot, Tammuz 28 (July 28)	7:08	8:29	7:27	8:32	9:21
Masael, Tammuz 28 (July 28)	7:06	8:26	7:24	8:28	9:18
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Va'etanan, Av 13 (August 13)	6:57	8:14	7:16	8:16	9:08
Ekev, Av 20 (August 20)	6:51	8:07	7:09	8:09	9:03
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The Jerusalem Post's Aryeh Rubinstein examines the state of the National Religious Party

ALL IN THE FAMILY

WHAT DOES MAFDAL — the National Religious Party — have in common with Labour? They are both going to the polls with the same leadership that lost them the last elections.

But the comparison ends there. Ze'evulun Hammer did not make good on his promise — after the Mafdal dropped from 12 Knesset seats to six in the 1981 elections — to devote himself to rehabilitating the party.

And all the talk about beefing up the party's voter appeal by putting some outstanding rabbis and religious intellectuals near the top of its Knesset list is — up to now, at least — just talk.

A party with more factions than Knesset seats, it has been mainly concerned in the last few weeks with keeping as few factions as possible from bolting after the list proposed by Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira left them out in the cold.

The most that can be said for the chief rabbi's initiative is that he meant well. But what he achieved — the alienation of the Emunah women, Hanan Porat, Hakibbutz Hagati — could have been done just as well by the party functionaries.

Rabbi Haim Druckman's Matzad was one of the few groups happy with the chief rabbi's list, which allotted it slots 2, 6 and 9. But last week the Matzad council voted to give up the effort at reconciliation with the Mafdal.

Its talks with the Mafdal leaders broke down over another component of the chief rabbi's proposal. This called for an expanded "Knesset leadership team," to be composed of the first 15 names on the Knesset list (regardless of whether or not they were elected) and up to 15 rabbis and intellectuals "approved by all sides." This team would have the power to choose the party's representatives in the next cabinet. That was a bit too much for Dr. Yosef Burg and Ze'evulun Hammer, who see no reason why their continued membership in the cabinet should be jeopardized.

But for Matzad, the chances of being assigned an uncertain third Mafdal cabinet seat seemed too remote to justify its returning to the fold. It preferred to run on its own list, together with Hanan Porat and possibly with Poslei Agudat Yisrael.

ANOTHER DROP-OUT (subject to change, of course) is Yehuda Ben-Meir, Hammer's colleague in the Youth faction. Explaining to a reporter his decision not to run for re-election "as the list now stands" — with himself in seventh place, at best — he blamed the party for not leading

its list with two or three well-known religious personalities.

Asked whether this was not just a tactic to exert pressure for a better spot he said — maybe tongue in cheek — that "those who know me know that I don't resort to pressure or tactics."

Ben-Meir named Rabbi Yehuda Amital, co-head of Yeshivat Har Etzion, and Prof. Avner Sciaky of the Tel Aviv University Law faculty, as personalities whose voter-appeal might restore to the Mafdal the six Knesset seats it lost in 1981.

In our interview, Rabbi Amital said that both Ben-Meir and Hammer had in fact asked him to run on the Mafdal list. Although he had tried to bring about a revamping of the religious-Zionist leadership, he himself was not a candidate for the Knesset. "The yeshiva is my life," he said. "And I don't see how I can do both at the same time."

The general public first heard of Amital early in the Lebanon war, when he challenged some super-nationalist sentiments expressed in Gush Emunim circles. One example: the warning of a young rabbi to the Mafdal ministers that they must not repeat the mistake of Yamit. It was not Judea and Samaria he was referring to. Lebanon, he said, is an integral part of Eretz Yisrael and must under no circumstances be abandoned.

Amital doubts whether any "serious" personality will agree to give up his work for four years and run on the Mafdal list as the only new face among the party politicians. If the party is to be saved, the old hands must clear the decks and field an essentially new team.

"Even Hammer didn't offer me his own seat," he says. "He offered me Burg's."

Amital saw no point in the efforts then being made by the Mafdal's Committee of Seven to juggle the party list to satisfy as many factions as possible. For if the old leadership remained, how could it lead the party to victory?

It would have been natural for Mafdal's ministers in the Tenth Knesset to take some initiative on the economic front — "even economics has religious and moral implications" — but they had not done so. Amital thinks he knows why. A



Zvi Bernstein (Samy Schwanz/APPA)

small coalition partner can achieve results only by threatening a government crisis. But because of the Mafdal's internal situation, its ministers feared early elections. So no threat of theirs to leave the coalition would have been taken seriously.

Ideologically, Amital says, religious Zionism is much better off than secular Zionism, which is undergoing a crisis. But a further decline in the Knesset representation of the religious-Zionist camp, which he fears, would be unfortunate. Because this would be generally interpreted as the contraction of the religious-Zionist idea as well.

Amital is against religious legislation brought about through coalition agreements, for that does not result in *keren Yisrael* — bringing the non-religious closer to Judaism. And that, after all, is the objective.

Cinemas in Petah Tikva on Friday nights? Neither public debate nor violent demonstrations will increase or decrease Sabbath observance. The true struggle on such questions is not in the Knesset, but on the ground. The Orthodox should invest more efforts in *keren Yisrael*, says Amital. They should compete with the movies by offering interesting cultural programmes on Friday nights.

What did he think of Matzad's returning to the Mafdal?

Religious hawks and doves can live together — if each side accepts the other's view as legitimate and agrees to accept majority rule. But

that condition will not be met, for there are those (and Amital was apparently not referring to the doves) who insist that only their stand is legitimate.

No matter who forms the next government, he does not anticipate that the need for any fateful cabinet decision on the future of Eretz Yisrael will come up in the next four years. But if such a decision must be made the Mafdal faction, including Matzad, would undoubtedly split again.

Yehuda Ben-Meir, in his interview, put it more graphically. What may be expected in the united party after the elections, he said, is "every man's sword against his fellow, and an inter-factional struggle with no holds barred."

DR. ZERAH WARHAFTIG, former minister of religious affairs, took a brighter view in a short interview in which, however, he gave the impression that he was being careful not to rock the Mafdal boat.

Asked whether the old leadership could lead the party to victory, he replied: "I'm a great believer in the power of the IDEA, or ideology if you like. And in this respect, the Mafdal has proved itself more than any other party."

Which certainly can be taken to mean that the religious-Zionist idea is strong enough to overcome the deficiencies of the old faces. In any case, Warhaftig added, the old leadership must be replaced in the near future.

How important was it for the proponents of religious Zionism to appear before the voter in a single list?

In the short run, perhaps not at all. Warhaftig replied. In fact, two or three lists might win "another half mandate" for all of them combined. But in the long run this would be dangerous. Because once there is a rupture, it tends to widen. And the Mafdal is only the political expression of a movement.

Ze'evulun Hammer was asked in a recent interview whether he regarded the Mafdal's defeat in the last elections as a personal defeat, at least in part, for himself.

Apart from its content, his reply is of interest as an example of the art of sidestepping a question.



Yehuda Amital (Elihu Harazi)

Much as he loved his work as minister of education, he said, "I proposed to my party that I not be a minister but devote myself to the Mafdal's rehabilitation. But I made this conditional on my getting the necessary tools and authority. This was not granted to me."

ZVI BERNSTEIN, former secretary-general of the Mafdal and now the party's comptroller, gives a different version.

Hammer was never serious about rehabilitating the party, he maintains. One bit of supporting evidence: Bernstein himself sought a meeting with Hammer to discuss the subject and offer his help. But despite many reminders, it took Hammer six months to agree to a meeting. When he did, Bernstein told him that he was too late.

It is true that Bernstein was forced out of the secretary-generalship by the pressure of Hammer and Ben-Meir, who wanted the post for their own man, Danny Vermus. But Bernstein has a reputation for telling the truth. When Yitzhak Raphael went to court in 1977 to fight his ouster from the leadership, Bernstein was called to testify. And Judge Yosef Harish commented: "I think there's one honest man in the Mafdal, and that's Bernstein."

Bernstein thinks that the exaggerated political payment the Mafdal obtained for its six Knesset votes had a dizzying effect on the men at the top. Three ministries (one of them

incorporating the police), two ministers (one of them also serving as "minister for autonomy"), plus one deputy minister for foreign affairs turned the leaders' minds from their party's sorry state.

Asked how hawks like Rabbi Haim Druckman and Hanan Porat could be expected to reach agreement on a party platform with doves like Avraham Melamed, Bernstein said that the platform was not the problem. "If Porat is given slot 5 or 6, everything is settled."

The problem would arise after the elections, if the Alignment formed the next government. The Alignment's plank calling for territorial compromise would create a difficulty for Matzad and Porat. Here Bernstein recalled the formula that enabled the Mafdal to enter to the Rabin government in 1974: before agreeing to return any of the administered areas, the Alignment would call new elections.

Bernstein thinks the party leadership erred in wooing the right-wingers. Druckman never accepted party discipline, he says, and Porat certainly cannot be expected to do so.

"After the elections they'll cause us a lot of trouble — in forming a coalition and in Knesset votes. Yuvul Ne'eman [the Tehiya leader] is now calling for the abrogation of the peace treaty with Egypt — after we've returned all of Sinai. I don't know how Hanan Porat feels about that. They may keep us out of the coalition, something we definitely do not want."

In fact, fear of Matzad and Porat served to stifle the internal opposition to Dr. Burg and to a closing of the ranks.

And to top it all, Bernstein says, he is not even sure that Matzad and Porat will bring in enough votes to justify the slots they were offered.

The chief rabbi's proposal called for the inclusion of three Sephardim in the first six slots on the Mafdal list. This measure was designed as a response to Tami, two of whose Knesset seats are thought to have been taken from traditionally Mafdal voters.

EVEN UP TO NOW, Bernstein says, the Mafdal has not ignored the Sephardim. Two of the first six slots

in its original list for the Tenth Knesset were assigned to Sephardim: Aharon Abuhatzzeira and Eliezer Avtavi.

But Abuhatzzeira's formation of Tami only hours before the deadline for submitting the party lists upset the Mafdal's calculations. It could strike out Abuhatzzeira's name, but it was too late, legally, to submit a new name. As a result, Tami appealed to the voters with a list chock-full of Sephardim, as against the Mafdal with the first Sephardi in slot 6.

This time, Bernstein says, the aim is to fill half of the realistic slots with Sephardi candidates. The only trouble is that every faction wants the others to sacrifice their Ashkenazi contenders.

BERNSTEIN'S answer to the question whether the present leadership could lead the Mafdal to victory, like Amital's, was: "By no means!" The present leadership has failed, he said, and if it hadn't been for the pressure of early Knesset elections, things would have worked out differently. There would then have been time for internal elections and there the dissatisfaction would have been expressed.

Unless, of course, internal elections would have been postponed yet again. The last internal elections were held in October 1972, and they gave Burg's Lamifneh faction 27 per cent of the vote. Raphael's Likud Utmura 24 per cent. Hammer's Youth faction 20 per cent, and Warhaftig's faction 14 per cent. Smaller factions took the balance.

Since then, Warhaftig's faction has disappeared. Officially, it has merged with the Youth faction, but Hammer and Ben-Meir have repeatedly refused to put their strength to a test.

For example, in May 1983, Dr. Burg surrendered to their threat to boycott the scheduled internal elections. The postponement of the elections was widely reported as being due to a Lamifneh-Youth coalition to block Raphael's return to politics. But Bernstein maintains that there is no truth to that. Lamifneh did not regard Raphael as a threat, and really wanted elections.

That was not the first time Burg yielded to threats by Hammer and Ben-Meir to bolt the party if they did not get their way. Back in 1976, when the Mafdal Knesset faction numbered 10, including the two Youth MKs, Burg explained why he acted that way.

"I inherited from Moshe Shapira a party with a 13-man Knesset faction. I don't want to hand over to my successor one with only eight."

Burg may well be sorry today that he did not cut his losses in good time.

The making of a martyr

NEWS BACKGROUND: THE BLACK HEBREWS — IV / Liora Moriel

Israel 14 years ago, however, Carter has sought publicly to moderate his message.

In fact, he said, the allegation that his community (The Kingdom of God, situated in what he calls Dimona, Jerusalem, Israel, North-Eastern Africa) is trying to establish ties with African nations against Israel "is a diabolical lie." He sees the ties as a "valuable asset. We go to African nations to get them to re-establish relations with Israel."

But in his book, *God, the Black Man and Truth*, published by his own Communications Press in the United States in 1982 Carter writes (p. 118): "The entire Euro-gentile political system is an enemy to both man and God." Earlier in the book he states that "the African Hebrew Israelites of Jerusalem are revolutionaries in the literal sense... We are the Chosen Race."

What revolution does Carter preach? He writes (p. 60): "Revolution is to destroy through change... Revolution is the power to change, lead and determine ways to influence the mind and control the man."

Carter's laboratory is the black ghetto of Dimona, Arad and Mitzpe Ramon, 1,500 people who left the North American black ghettos because they sought a better life, only to find themselves in another ghetto in a foreign land which, they are taught, is legitimately theirs and which they pray will soon be theirs again.

SHAMUR BEN-ISRAEL (Melvyn

Coleman), who defected from the community last year, told *The Jerusalem Post* that Carter recruits people from the black American ghettos who "have a hard time" and "no direction. They quickly up and run away and come to Israel, to this so-called paradise, but only in the end to find out that they actually have just become psychological slaves to Ben-Ami."

When they arrive, "he [Carter] rolls out the red carpet for them; they're free; they can do what they want to do; when they get into a fight or argument with anyone he doesn't punish them, to really allow them a chance to get in and feel that freedom that he told them about." Later, however, "he tightens the ropes around them."

This is achieved when they either renounce their American citizenship or give Carter their passports for safekeeping. The passports, says Shamur (and others who have left the group) are then used to get Black Hebrews in and out of the country and sometimes for illegal operations that render the passports "hot."

So when group members want to leave, they are in a quandary: they have no papers. "They realize they've made a terrible mistake."

Carter denies that he holds the passports, allowing only that he has a handful for safekeeping. But a spokesman for the American embassy here told *The Post*: "You can quote me as saying 'Ha ha ha...'"

The fact that Carter is the undisputed leader of the group and wields extraordinary power over his followers alarms those outside. Carter holds the purse-strings of the community; all money earned by group members reverts to him and he allocates it as he sees fit. He regiments the diet and schooling of the community, and punishes those who disobey his dictums. He sometimes decides to punish not with physical violence but with excommunication.

CORNELL KIRKPATRICK, who was ostracized from the group in 1972, decided to return for a visit. In the ensuing fight with several men from the group who wanted to enforce the ban on his entry, he was killed. After six months in court, the charge was reduced to manslaughter and James Coats, 41, was charged and sentenced to two years in prison. Shamur says that Carter made the decision that Coats be the one put in prison, even though he did not commit the deed, because he was the one Carter felt could best cope with the sentence.

"This guy, today Ben-Ami has named him a hero, Ben-Hayil Hagibor, because he took it upon himself. He had spent most of his time in jails in the States anyway, so he was used

to that kind of thing."

The lawyer, Yosef Ben-Menashe of Tel Aviv, knew and colluded with Carter, according to Shamur. Interviewed by telephone, Ben-Menashe said: "It was a pretty homogeneous group, all of them the same colour, so it was difficult to know who did the killing."

Ben-Menashe likes the group and feels they are being persecuted without reason. As the lawyer who first took the matter of both the Ethiopian Jews and the Black Hebrews to the High Court of Justice in Jerusalem, Ben-Menashe told *The Post* that, had the Black Hebrews been sponsored from abroad like the Ethiopians, they would now be equally accepted, both as Jews and as citizens.

The difference, according to Ben-Menashe, is that the Ethiopians have "weak, African reactions" while the Black Hebrews have "Western" reactions. Had they been as "submissive and willing" as the Ethiopians and accepted conversion, they would now be accepted. "The Black Hebrews look too strong."

Ben-Menashe, alone among non-group members, feels that the Black Hebrews are Jewish.

Their tradition says that they are Hebrews from before the period of the Second Temple; they are descendants of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba.

BECAUSE the Ethiopian Church makes the same claim, and because the Black Hebrews accept only blacks as true Hebrews or Israelites, it was only natural that Carter should seek an alliance with the church. He failed to achieve one, however. He also tried to convert black Beduin to his Kingdom of God. All blacks, in fact, are potential converts to "the true Israelites."

Geneva Halley, another defector, told *The Post* that Carter's ministers are engaged in getting converts.

"They go around the country and try to get black people interested in the Black Hebrews." Recent converts include, she says, two black basketball players.

Carter does not deny that Black Hebrews enter the country by deceit (none are allowed into Israel officially) and says that this is because the Glass Report has not been implemented. In return for legal status in Israel and an agricultural community in the Arava, Carter promised to stop all illegal entries to Israel.

Because of the New World Passover on May 17-18 in Dimona, many more Black Hebrews are now entering the country than is usual. Shamur says that Carter is spending a lot of money to make sure that it is a success, and that it is imperative to

make sure that it fails so as to destroy Carter's credibility and power over the group.

"If the Passover and the Rahamim Games, or Ben-Ami's Olympics held at the same time, are not successful, the people will see Ben-Ami is not a god or prophet, and that he himself suffers from what he says he can protect them from," says Shamur.

The costly ceremonies, as well as the brand-new brown Volvo car Carter recently bought with money given by a supporter, are anathema to those who say the conditions within the community, underneath the veneer of cleanliness and order, are poor.

Black Hebrews told *The Post* repeatedly that they had no money and that they make do with the little available on an equal basis, but the new car is a glaring exception.

Since the group has no official status of any kind (even those who have American citizenship are here on expired visas) it is not clear how the drivers get their permits or how vendors get licences to sell incense and jewelry throughout the country. Despite the fact that they have no status, they work legally in factories and institutions and are even contractors for municipal tenders.

THEY GO IN and out of the country with impunity, using forged documents and relying on the "They all look alike to me," dictum. The question has been posed: are they a

security risk?

The army spokesman directed *The Post* to the Defence Ministry, which passes all questions on the group to the Interior Ministry. This, then, is the highest authority in Israel on the Black Hebrews — and the only one.

The ministry is cautious. What it will say, however, is that it is more than willing to give the Black Hebrews papers to get them out of the country. The problem is that many of them have nowhere to go.

"There is really nothing we can do with the core of the group, Carter, Shaleah and the rest," says Yehoshua Kahana, deputy director of the ministry. "They are the ones who renounced their American citizenship. We are of the opinion that the Americans must take them back and the problem is that they refuse. We are basing our claim on the international charter calling for the decrease of statelessness."

The Americans are not swayed. American citizens have no obligation to live in the United States, and Israel can take care of the Black Hebrews on humanitarian grounds as easily as the U.S. can. The 78 who renounced their citizenship in 1973 are now aliens, and there is no reason for the United States to bend its immigration laws to suit Israel's domestic needs.

Shamur himself has not been given a visa to the United States. While waiting for the hoped-for papers, which he feels sure he will get, he is now putting out a 10-page weekly funded by the Arad-based Committee for the Return of the Black Hebrews. The weekly, called *Petzatzi Z'man* (Time Bomb),

AVRAHAM PEREZ, the Dimona city councillor who filed the lawyer's petition to the High Court in 1978 resulted in the Glass Commission, feels that something should be done. He was recently approached to take another petition to the court, but is hesitant. Police sources told *The Post* that if such a petition were filed, a lot of material that cannot otherwise officially be revealed about the group's activities would be made public.

Avner Shitrit, a city official in Dimona, agrees. He says he has received material from Halley that strengthens his conviction that the Black Hebrews are "a time bomb."

Before it explodes, Dimona wants the group out of the city. Shamur and Halley feel that expelling Carter is sufficient; most of the community members, they say, "are innocent and victims of Carter's search for power." "The truth about Ben-Ami is enough to destroy him."

Their only fear is that Carter will not want to go alone. A decade ago, he asked the whole community to join him on the hills of Dimona on a potential suicide mission billed as a hunger strike to protest the deportations of group members.

The Israeli government, says Shamur, "backed down." Carter says that the action was as legitimate as Anatoly Sheharansky's. The community has no desire to commit mass suicide; on the contrary, says Carter, the aim is to live forever. "Like trees."

Shamur says that Carter has nothing to go back to in the United States and that he desires to be a martyr.

"He is a con man," says Halley. "a dictator over the little group and I am afraid of them."

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A SOLID RELATIONSHIP

Post Editor Ari Rath and Washington Correspondent Wolf Blitzer talk to outgoing Under Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger (below).

THE CONSENSUS among the pro-Israel community in Washington is that his departure from the State Department represents a real loss for Israel. He will be sorely missed. After more than 27 years in the foreign service, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Lawrence Eagleburger has just retired.

He became well known as one of former secretary of state Henry Kissinger's most respected and trusted aides during the 1970s and the tumultuous shuttles in the Middle East. In the Reagan Administration, he quickly emerged as a key policy-maker, first under Alexander Haig and then under George Shultz.

Throughout these years, the career diplomat was regarded as one of Israel's best friends in Washington. Quietly, he was always available for assistance in the struggle to strengthen U.S.-Israeli ties. His relationship with many Jewish leaders was a close, personal one, as it was with Israeli officials, especially former ambassador Simcha Diniz and Moshe Arens. His calm reasoning, usually put forward without much publicity, was effective in easing tensions.

Over the years, Eagleburger, now 53, came to understand the unique nature of the American-Israeli connection. He moved up the State Department's professional ladder to the No. 3 slot, normally the highest position available to a career foreign service officer, because he was savvy and tough. But he was well-liked by Republicans and Democrats, especially on Capitol Hill.

HIS DIPLOMATIC skill and clarity of purpose were most evident during a lengthy interview with *The Jerusalem Post* in his seventh-floor State Department office, in which he was asked to look back over his many years of diplomatic experience and sum up his impressions of some aspects of American policy in the Middle East, including the special ties that bind Washington and Jerusalem.

Eagleburger categorically rejected the Arab charge that it was strictly because of a "pro-Israel lobby" in Washington that the U.S. supported Israel. "That's insane," he said. "There are many reasons why the U.S. has an interest in

having the right kind of relationship with Israel."

A hard-nosed realist, Eagleburger cited first and foremost what he called the *realpolitik* of the situation. "Our strategic interest is well served by a strong, self-reliant Israel. It provides us with an anchor in the Middle East, which we would not otherwise have. I can't say it any other way."

Eagleburger insisted that this special strategic link to Israel should in no way diminish the need for the U.S. to develop strong relations with the Arab world as well.

Beyond the geopolitical relationship between the U.S. and Israel, he also cited the special moral issues involved. "Most of us Americans still think, in our own peculiar way, about 1939-45 and the degree of horror."

Israel, he pointed out, retains much support among the American public — an attitude that is indeed translated into political action.

Thus, the current U.S.-Israeli relationship is "good, solid and steady."

IS IT BETTER than ever before?

"That's a very tough question to answer," Eagleburger replied, recalling his first trip with Kissinger to Israel at the end of the 1973 war, when people had tears in their eyes when the secretary of state got off the plane. "That's a kind of closeness... expression of a relationship in a way at its best — when the U.S. and Israel were in trouble, they came together." But circumstances are different today. He continued:

"I guess the relationship is as solid as I have ever seen it — in the sense that we have come out of a period of some real differences. I think that the thing we have learned, on both sides, is that there are certain fundamental interests that we share and that need to be strengthened, and some blood put into the veins, not

matter what the differences — and we will have some — may be."

He seemed to be implying, though, that the relationship was going to remain steady for some time, irrespective of a Democratic or Republican victory in the U.S. presidential election or a Labour or Likud success in Israel. Both countries, he said, had learned the "absolute essentiality of talking to each other, frankly and not pulling any surprises."

"Whether a Republican or a Democrat is elected president of the United States," he said, "this country, the attitudes here toward Israel, are not going to change. I think that this president, for whom I work, has shown his commitment to Israel. I don't think there's any question about the major Democratic possibilities for the nomination, in terms of their commitments to Israel."

"I am not so stupid as to comment on the internal affairs of another state — namely on who will win the election in Israel, but I will tell you that I basically think that, no matter who wins, the commitment to the relationship with the U.S. is not going to change. There may be differences over nuance of policy."

EAGLEBURGER is also very much aware of one other fundamental aspect of the U.S.-Israeli relationship.

"The U.S. ability to affect events in the Middle East is very much dependent on the quality of the relationship with Israel. I think the reverse is also true, that Israel's ability to affect the attitudes of its neighbours is very much dependent on that same perception."

The Arabs must come to understand that the U.S. commitment to Israel "is not in question... if they think there is some distance between us, there is less desire to find a way to reasonable solutions to problems than if the relationship is close."



Israel is also more likely to take risky decisions for peace if it feels confident in the Washington connection.

"The ability in Israel to make compromises is greater when the body politic in Israel thinks the relationship with the U.S. is close. So in essence, no matter how serious the differences, both Israel and the U.S. need to think very hard about the level of rhetoric and the level of their actions with regard to each other."

"When either one of us steps outside certain bounds, we simply encourage those in the area who want to see Israel confronted rather than dealt with at the negotiating table."

There are problems, of course, for both countries in trying to maintain strong ties. One particularly difficult aspect of the relationship, Eagleburger said, involves taking each other for granted.

"We have to be very up front in what we stand for. Given the relationship and, more important, the world in which we live, we cannot afford to be playing games with each other."

One reason for occasional differences between the U.S. and Israel is the fact that America is a supporter with worldwide interests, while Israel is more limited in its national interests. "The issues on our agenda are different," Both sides have to try

to understand the concerns of the other, said Eagleburger.

"I THINK WE have a right, given the partnership, to at least ask that Israel understand that our world is a different world and that we've got to be thinking about Afghanistan, Southern Africa or you name it, as well as the Middle East. So, for example, when we develop aid programmes, we've got to include the whole world, not just Israel."

This was partially the reason for Eagleburger's series of discussions over the past year with David Kimche, Director General of the Foreign Ministry. In addition to discussing the bilateral U.S.-Israeli relationship, the two countries must also "talk about the world. I think that's worth doing."

This different perspective, Eagleburger said, can be seen in the respective U.S. and Israeli attitudes toward Iraq.

"It is true that Iraq has been an enemy of Israel for decades, and Israeli perceptions of Iraq have got to be framed with that in mind. I think it is also true, however, that the current situation which the Iraqis face from Iran is changing some of their perceptions, at least as they look at the U.S."

"Whether it changes any perceptions as they relate to Israel, I don't know. But if it is in the U.S. interest to begin to try to develop a vested interest in Baghdad for a less confrontational attitude with regard to us, maybe that's not bad for Israel in the long run."

"Now what that means is that we're asking the Israelis to look beyond tomorrow or six months or two years, to a longer time frame. We may prove to be wrong, which is why we are dealing with something like the relationship with Iraq with great care. But by trying to improve U.S.-Iraqi relations we are not necessarily harming Israel's interest."

We may, in the long run, be helping to come to precisely the opposite. It isn't going to happen in a hurry; it may not happen at all."

STILL, EAGLEBURGER noted, it is in those touchy matters involving U.S.-Arab relations that American-Israeli ties sometimes get strained. This has been the case very often in connection with U.S. arms sales to the Arabs. In short, he insisted that America's maintaining a good relationship with the more moderate Arab states is very much in Israel's interests as well.

"In fact, it may have kept the Arabs from doing some bad things," he said. "They may have done, let's say, five bad things as far as Israel is concerned. They might have done another five if it hadn't been for the U.S. relationship."

Additional progress towards peace in the Middle East, Eagleburger said, will also require America's remaining able to communicate with both Israel and the Arab world.

"The U.S. is still the only country I know of — at least with any clout — that is capable of talking to both sides. And one of the things that in the last analysis must be in Israeli interests is to help ensure that that continues to be a reality."

For Eagleburger, the continuing U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation, talks go beyond improving military and intelligence ties.

"I personally prefer to use the term 'enhanced cooperation,'" he said. "It's not all strategic; it's not all military. It also has economic and political implications."

He cited the discussions to cooperate in developmental assistance projects in the Third World and also referred to the negotiations aimed at achieving a free trade area. He expressed confidence that specific steps would get off the ground in both areas in the near future,

although he conceded there would be problems.

Regarding Israeli aid projects in the Third World, Eagleburger noted that the concept involved Israeli expertise — and U.S. money. Finding the best route to appropriate those funds is still a problem.

Congress also has to take some legislative action before the free trade agreement can be concluded. That will take time. "I think the legislation will be passed," he said.

EAGLEBURGER was the major point man in the administration's strategy to block the effort in Congress to force the transfer of the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

He repeated to *The Post* his arguments, focusing particular attention on the damage any change in U.S. policy toward the status of Jerusalem may have on the peace process.

"It does get back to the question of whether, in the last analysis, for Israel, it is more important to have the U.S. with its embassy in Tel Aviv, but having reserved its ability to influence the Arabs and its position with regard to the peace process... or whether Israel is really better off with the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, and concede the possibility that that will badly affect our ability to influence, over time, moderate Arab governments."

"Therefore, I think that, from a purely practical point of view, this issue has created a great deal of emotion and interest and so forth, but I honestly believe that it's not good for either one of us right now."

Eagleburger worked virtually until his last day in office. Now he will have a chance to take a break. He denies any intention to write a book.

What he will do is take a position in private industry and, for the first time in his life, make some real money. He has two children to send through college, and that is not cheap in the U.S.

But Larry Eagleburger is a rare talent in U.S. diplomacy, and if he is called back into governmental duty at some point in the future, either in a Democratic or Republican administration, it should cause no surprise. Until then, he will continue to play a role behind the scenes.

Descent into madness

By YOSEF GOELL

THIS WEEK'S prize for cynicism and *chutzpa* belongs by right to Rabbi Moshe Levinger, the Gush Emunim leader from Hebron.

In attempting to forestall those elements in the Gush who were beginning to show the first signs of having second thoughts about their initial knee-jerk support for all suspects in the Jewish settlers terrorism investigation, Levinger argued that it was the government, and especially the Ministry of Defence and the security forces in Judea and Samaria, who were at fault.

No settler would have been driven to planning and executing terrorist

actions against the Arab civilian population, he argued, were it not for the settlers' urgent need for self-defence against Arab stone-throwers and killers, after having been "abandoned" by the security forces whose job it should have been to provide protection against such attacks.

It is, admittedly, embarrassing for the Likud and the government that it heads to pick a fight with Gush Emunim, particularly in the midst of an election campaign in which the nationalist and religious right is threatening to eat into the Likud's electoral support.

But the Levinger charge, specifically because it is being levelled at a Likud government which cannot be suspected of disloyalty to the idea of a "Greater Israel," must be met head on. For the Levinger thesis constitutes a major threat to Israel's legitimacy need to remain in the territories in the absence of any Arab change of heart regarding peaceful coexistence alongside Israel.

Labour and Likud governments of the past 17 years have been in ideological dispute over the eventual disposition of these territories. But, with the exception of the short period in which Ariel Sharon headed the Ministry of Defence and Rafael Eitan was IDF chief of staff, both governments shared a common strategy with regard to the day-to-day administration of the lands which fell into Israel's hands as a result of Egyptian, Jordanian and Syrian aggression in 1967. (That admittedly was a long time ago but the bald facts stand reiteration.)

THE IDEA common to the two opposed party governments was to court as little trouble as possible with the Arab population in these lands.

Indeed, the idea, which worked for a long time, was to make day-to-day life as good as possible for the Arabs as individuals. This was as true of the period during which Menachem Begin and Ezer Weizman headed the Defence Ministry as

it was under Moshe Dayan and Shimon Peres.

Levinger in the Gush — akin to Sharon in the government, although the two detest each other — espoused the theory of going out and looking for trouble with the Arabs; of grinding their noses in the daily fact of the Israeli occupation.

Levinger is the man who presented the Begin government with the *fait accompli* of the penetration and takeover of Beit Hadassah in the heart of Arab Hebron. It should also be recalled that it was the Begin government which declared "illegal" that partisan occupation, although it never had the political guts to do anything about it and it eventually capitulated to the Levinger initiative.

THE TRUTH is that there is no way in which Jewish lives can be totally safeguarded in the heart of Arab Hebron. The same is true in regard to the desire of the Levinger wing of the Gush to establish a similar *fait accompli* in Nablus, an idea that was mercifully forestalled by the Begin government.

It is, of course, possible to respond to individual Arab attacks by launching indiscriminate attacks against politically hostile, but individually innocent, Arab men, women and children.

This is exactly what was done by those who espouse the Levinger approach last year in the Hebron

souk in retaliation for the murder of yeshiva student Aaron Gross.

The tragic history of our neighbour to the north, Lebanon, should be sufficient proof that this way leads to a descent into madness, not "pacification." For one can turn the West Bank and Gaza into a bloodbath, but that is the last thing in the world Israel should desire.

The Levinger approach, however, is not based on the logic of Israeli self-interest; it is fuelled by a religious fanaticism that is based on extreme xenophobia.

The basic ideology — if one can grace outright murder by such a term — is based not only on hatred of Arabs, but also on antipathy to *goyim* in general. There is, in addition, growing evidence that this general xenophobia is also being expanded to include less religiously fundamentalistic Jews and secular Israelis who are viewed as "traitors."

Charles Hoffman, in these pages, has had occasion to remark on the changes that have been occurring within the ranks of the Gush. One can add several other worrisome examples: at the outset of the Gush settlement drive in the mid-1970s there was an attempt made to set up a number of joint religious-secular settlements. The idea being that religious moderation was a fair price to pay for the cause of the settlement of Judea and Samaria.

By the mid-1980s, nearly all of

these experiments in religious-secular coexistence have failed due to the growing extremism of religious settlers.

There are also a growing number of settlers who have metamorphosed from the original super-nationalist knitted-kippa types to that of religious fundamentalists who view all those less observant than them with suspicion, if not aversion.

This is partly what is behind the extremism that led many Gush activists not to blanch at the thought of attacking the IDF soldiers who were charged with evacuating Yamit two years ago. It is what lies behind the tensions which exist between the Levinger settlers in Hebron and the reservist soldiers who are sent to guard them against Arab attack.

LEVINGER IS NOT Gush Emunim. But he represents and speaks for a significant element among the Gush settlers.

When the news of the Jewish terrorist investigation first broke, the initial reaction of all the Gush leaders was to cry out that the entire movement was being smeared by a government and shin Bet-engineered provocation and by a universally hostile press.

In the last week, some Gush leaders were reported to be having second thoughts. Whether or not they win their argument with the Levingerites will determine the justness of tarring the entire movement with the sins of the extremists. The meeting of the Gush leadership in Jerusalem on Tuesday night proved inconclusive in this regard and the argument will go on.

But whatever the outcome of this in-house argument, it may well be that the entire Gush phenomenon will soon prove to have outlived itself. It may well become irrelevant under a Labour government which could be installed after the July 29 elections. But the same may happen in the case of a victory by a post-Begin Likud.

THE LIKUD government, which is dedicated to the idea of the eventual annexation of Judea and Samaria, seems to have come to the conclusion two years ago that the Gush Emunim strategy for the settlement of the territories was too expensive and too unattractive for the masses of Israelis it hoped to attract to the territories.

The Likud settlement strategy today is clearly based on the idea originally broached by Ezer Weizman — setting up a small number of economically viable and environmentally attractive urban communities like Ariel, Emanuel and Ma'ale Adumim. Here, too, the idea was to stay as far away as possible from major concentrations of Arab population.

The fact that the police investigation has come to a head under a Likud government and on the eve of elections, should serve notice on the Gush leadership that in the future, neither a Labour nor a Likud-led government will continue to tolerate any partisan challenge to the power of the government to determine settlement policy.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

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Kudos for avenging Gabriels

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH / Jerusalem Post Reporter

FROM THE cathartic thrusts and counter-thrusts of the Yom Kippur War, the bloodless victory of the Israeli Navy — bloodless for itself, but not its enemies — has emerged among experts in the shadowy realm of electronic warfare as a classic battle that marked a turning point in the history of naval warfare.

A retired American admiral who was for long at the pinnacle of electronic warfare research for the most powerful navy in the world has singled out the Israeli Navy's performance in 1973, little noted by the general public, as "the one clear example of everything being done right."

Rear Admiral Julian Lake was speaking during an interview in Tel Aviv following a two-day seminar on electronic warfare he gave to Israeli electronics personnel, civilian and military.

The 1973 naval battles between the Israeli Navy and the Egyptian and Syrian fleets marked the first — and thus far only — missile-to-missile naval confrontation in history.

The Arab fleets were armed with Russian missile boats carrying the Styx missiles. The Israeli fleet consisted of "Cherbourg boats" — including the five missile boats which had fled the French embargo on Christmas Eve 1969 — and two larger missile boats that had recently been completed in Israel.

The main problem for the Israeli fleet was not that it was outnumbered, but that the Russian missile had twice the range of the Israeli Gabriel missile. For up to half an hour in any head-on engagement, the Israeli boats would be exposed to incoming missiles before they closed the gap sufficiently to fire their own.

HOW TO SURVIVE that run? The Israeli answer was to develop an electronic umbrella that would shield it during the critical crossing of the dead ground by diverting the incoming missiles before the Israeli boats could grapple with the enemy.

"The tremendous significance of the Israeli Navy's experience," says Lake, "is in the way it analysed the nature of the threat and then took the necessary actions to address the problems."

First, said Lake, the Israeli engineers devised an electronic support measures (ESM) system which could detect enemy radar and missile activity beyond the horizon even before the Israeli boats' radar could pick up such activity. They then devised jammers and passive receivers, said Lake, which distorted the images being received by the radars on the enemy boats and on the Styx itself.

"The equipment they used was old and simple, but it did the job. In the United States, they would have said it wouldn't work."

Lake revealed that the U.S. Navy had in the early 1960s begun installing anti-missile jammers in some of its larger ships following the development of the Russian Styx but that it did not begin sharing the system with NATO allies until late in the decade.

"It probably could have handled the Styx," says Lake. Israel had no access to this technology when it developed its own anti-missile system.

The Israelis, said Lake, also made considerable use of chaff — small strips of material like foil which reflects on the enemy radar and fills his screen with a multiplicity of images. The chaff was fired from small rockets which burst like fireworks at given distances from the boats.

"They used long-range chaff at the opening of the battles to confuse the enemy and make him waste a number of missiles. Later, when missiles were coming in, they fired short range chaff."

Such chaff rockets are now integral to all anti-missile defence systems in navies around the world.

AS A FINAL defence, says Lake, the Israeli boats relied on their guns. Israeli gunners claimed hitting some of the 30-60 missiles fired at Israeli missile boats during the war. The rest either were diverted by the Israeli electronics umbrella or were inaccurately aimed.

Some 15 Arab warcraft in all were sunk by Israel, half a dozen by Gabriel missiles. The only hit on an Israeli boat was scored by a coastal artillery shell off Egypt, which passed through the bow without exploding or causing casualties.

The Israeli Navy, relying on its own resources, had defeated not only two Arab navies but the most up-to-date Russian technology.

The Russian boats, relying on the superior range of the Styx to eliminate any possible missile threat, had

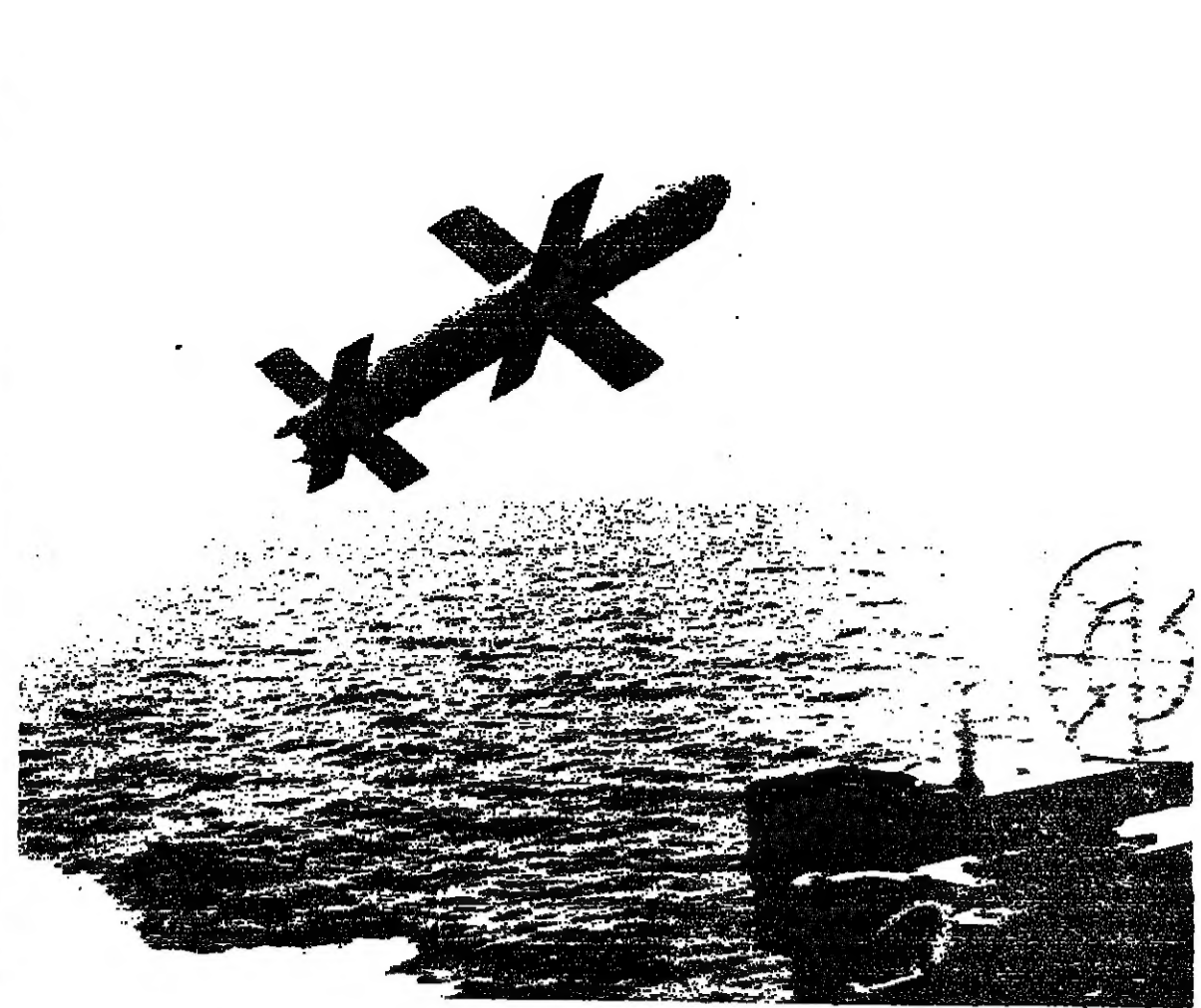


Above, an Israeli sailor on a missile boat. At right above, the Gabriel in action. Below, the sea-to-sea missile on the assembly line.



no electronic counter-measures to offer protection against the avenging Gabriels.

After the first few days of battle, the enemy fleets did not venture out of port, leaving the sea lanes open to the merchant vessels carrying much-needed war equipment to Israel for the embattled army and air force in the Sinai and Golan.



Above, an Israeli sailor on a missile boat. At right above, the Gabriel in action. Below, the sea-to-sea missile on the assembly line.

THE SHOWING of the Israeli Navy in the area of missiles was in sharp contrast, Lake notes, to the showing of the air force against the SAM-6 and the ground army against the anti-tank missiles carried by the Egyptian infantry.

The air force, he said, had almost been demoralized by the unexpected appearance of the SAM-6, even though this Russian ground-to-air missile was very similar to the American Hawk used "with devastating effect" by the Israelis against Arab aircraft. "If they had paid any attention to the Hawk they might have been ready."

The admiral, who was head of the Electronic Warfare Branch of the Office of the U.S. Chief of Naval Operations, said that the sinking of the Israeli destroyer Eilat in October, 1967 by an Egyptian Styx had thrown the navies of the West into a tizzy.

The Americans sought to improve on the jammer and chaff it had developed against the Styx: "The U.S. Navy probably overreacted," says Lake. "They began throwing everything into EW (electronic warfare) to defend the ships."

"It was to be the be-all and end-all of EW systems but the price tag came to be \$10 million per ship. The navy was not willing to spend \$10 million for any ship's EW and the programme was scrapped." Alternative systems were subsequently developed.

THE PAKISTANIS had not come up with any better answer to the Indian Navy's Styx when they entered war with India in 1971 than to stay out of its way. They failed to do this and lost a destroyer and minesweeper off the west coast of India in the opening round.

Driven off the sea, the Pakistanis continued to lose merchantmen and an oil tanker in harbour to Styx fired by Indian boats standing off the coast. Two years later, the Israeli Navy demonstrated to the world that there was an answer to the deadly homing missiles whose pursuit had seemed so implacable.

The British were well aware of the electronic measures necessary to baffle missiles in 1982 but they nevertheless had three ships hit by French Exocet missiles off the Falklands. The destroyer Sheffield, on picket duty, was hit "because it was just asleep," says Lake. Its air-search radar had been turned off, he says, in order to prevent electronic interference with satellite communication from the ship then in progress.

Although other British ships in the area detected the missile and had begun dispensing chaff, the Sheffield was taken by surprise. The missile did not explode but set off fires which eventually led to the ship's sinking.

Another airborne Exocet hit a merchantman, and a third, fired from a jury-rigged shore installation on the Falklands, struck a destroyer providing gunfire support when it inadvertently got within the missile's range.

None of the Exocets exploded, said Lake, because the French technicians who had delivered them to Argentina after the British had returned immediately to France with the instruction manuals — without explaining the mechanism to the Argentinians.

THE 1973 MIDDLE EAST naval war induced many navies around the world to adopt the fast missile boat pioneered by the Soviets and the Israelis. While this process was speeded up by the war, says Lake, it would probably have happened anyway.

"It just made lots of sense. The economics of warships were such that big ships had become too expensive."

"This doesn't hold true for navies with worldwide commitments, like the U.S. Navy, but it does for the others."

The Israeli performance had an impact even on the U.S. Navy, says Lake, but he chooses not to elaborate. Lake was part of the American naval team that arrived in Israel two months after the 1973 war to analyse the Israeli performance with the cooperation of the Israeli naval command.

What the Israelis had shown was that even with limited resources, a nation equipped with determination and the ability to think a problem through coolly, can prepare itself even for the unprecedented and emerge intact.

Mystery of missing loot

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER / Jerusalem Post Reporter

JUST 39 YEARS AGO, shortly before Germany surrendered, a Jewish colonel in the U.S. Army discovered a hoard of German loot worth hundreds of millions of dollars in an abandoned salt mine in Merkers, East Germany.

The loot included 224 suitcases full of gold teeth, wedding rings, jewelry, foreign currency and other valuables which had been taken from Jewish concentration camp inmates by the SS.

On orders of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force, the treasure was loaded onto 26 ten-ton trucks, in a 20-hour operation between April 14 and April 15, 1945, and transferred to Frankfurt, in the American sector.

Later, part of it, mostly gold coins and bullion, was distributed to the governments of France, Belgium and Holland, as it was thought that it had been looted from these countries.

The suitcases with goods that definitely belonged to Jews, also worth many millions, have disappeared again. The Jewish people, who were the unquestionable heirs to the treasure, never received anything from it.

Tuvia Friedman, director of the Documentation Centre for Nazi Crimes, who recently returned to Haifa from the U.S., brought photocopies of the secret report on the treasure, made by Colonel Bernard Bernstein, who was financial adviser to Eisenhower and who discovered the treasure.

Friedman obtained the copy from the National Archives and Record Service in Washington, on the recommendation of Bernstein, now 75 years old.

Bernstein wrote in his lengthy reports that on April 4, 1945, when the 358th regiment of the 90th Division of the U.S. Army took the town of Merkers, they heard rumours from displaced persons about a Nazi treasure in a huge abandoned mine, Kaiseroda, near the town.

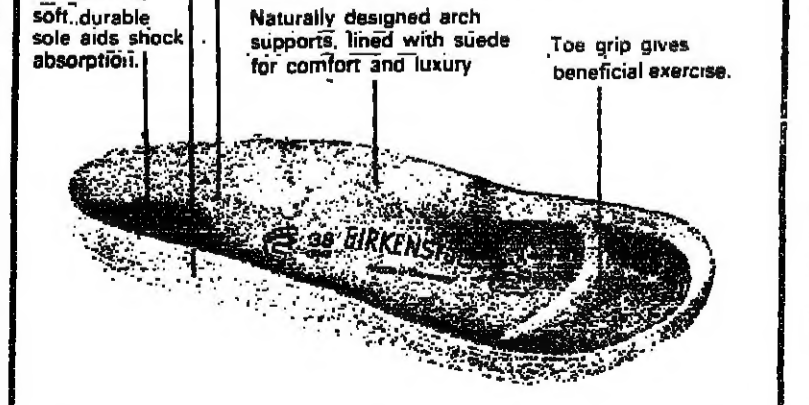
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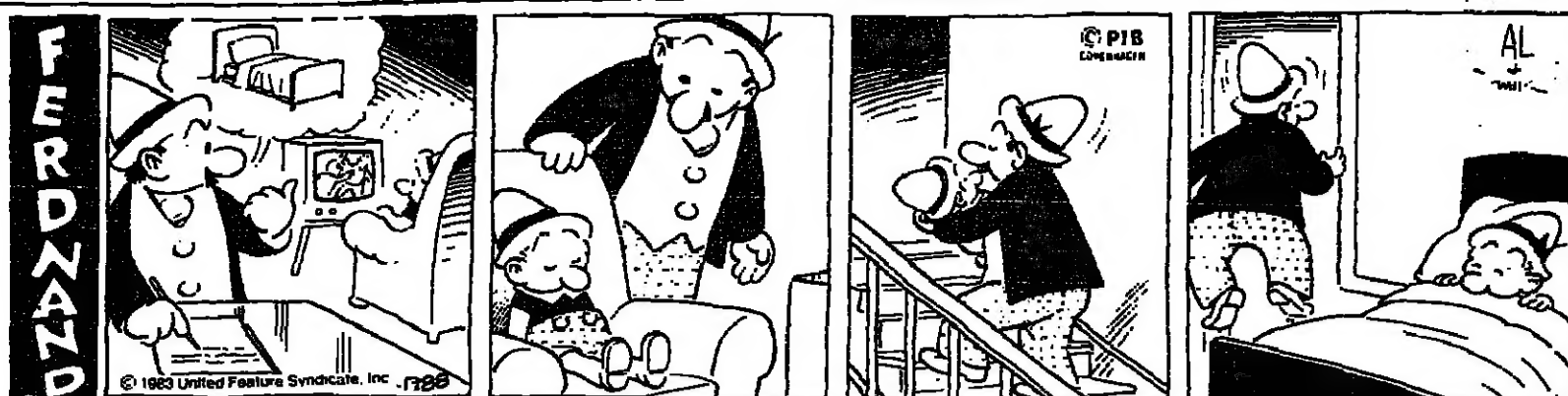
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KNESSET SPEAKER Menahem Savidor is an unlikely candidate for political martyrdom. The epitome of solid bourgeois values and old-style General Zionist politics, he has found himself sacrificed to the expediency of his fellow Liberals who are clutching the Herut lifeline.

Calling on him at his office, I found Savidor still rather bewildered at what was for him the ultimate betrayal by those whom he has regarded as his comrades.

"All I did was to do my duty," he says sorrowfully. He strongly refutes the argument of the new party leader, Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, that he had suffered from getting involved in politics. His main fault perhaps was that he had neglected his party base and did not consider it appropriate that, as Speaker, he should continue to be part of Liberal Party jocular vein-oriented politics.

"I abided by the principles that I thought were the guidelines of the Liberal philosophy — hegemony of the sovereign people; hegemony of parliament over government; of the elected members over the functionaries, and of the country over the parties. And then I heard voices at the central committee shouting, 'You are the party's man, you have to obey the party,'" he says in a hurt voice.

It seems, though, that his colleagues bore him grudge, primarily because of the televised Knesset session when he ignored the Likud *diktat* to alter the voting rules on the dissolution of the 10th Knesset. But in addition, he never appointed any party member to the Knesset administration.

Were the Liberal ministers fulfilling Herut wishes to dump him? "I never heard any inkling of such intentions from Herut. It was a purely Liberal conspiracy," he says.

He had tried his best to act as a Speaker should — acting objectively, in a non-partisan manner, representing not only his party but parliament as a whole.

"I saw myself as the watchdog of Israeli parliamentarism and I behaved impartially to all factions, including Rakah. I saw myself protecting the law of immunity. In Britain, for example, where they really honour the Speaker as an integral part of parliamentary democracy, they don't even put up an opposing candidate in his constituency, so he's sure of re-election."

SAVIDOR NOTES that 90 out of the 240 central committee members had secured jobs through the various ministers. "I was at a clear disadvantage, never having dispensed patronage. I heard committee members scoffing, 'Where were you all these past three years?' They had it in for me also because I ruled out of order the attempt by Aguda Yisrael to amend the archeology bill. After all, it was improperly tabled."

The Knesset Speaker perceives grave threats to Israel's democracy in the over-zealous preference of party over country: "The prosaics of parliamentary democracy are often far from exciting. The way they conduct themselves in the House must, of necessity, filter down into the general population and influence their view of the workings of parliament."

"I always did my best to defend constitutionalism, despite pressures to create a dangerous precedent in the Knesset's annals. No, I don't see dangers to democracy only in Herut, for there are plenty among the Liberals, too. But I don't want to name names."

Why did Savidor enter the Liberal leadership contest? He contends that he never for a moment assumed he would emerge the winner: "I expected to receive a few dozen votes, after all 34 committee members approached me and pressed me to run. They argued that I should step in to stop both candidates (Moda'i and Nissim) from getting more than 50 per cent and thus take over the party."

"They said they looked to me as an authentic Liberal to do my duty and save them from having to choose the lesser evil. My loss served to reveal the real nature of the party to the public. I was approached by both sides — with both Moda'i and Sharir offering to make deals."

"They started ganging-up on me some time ago, and they resolved to oust me because my record of political decency affronted them. They objected to my treating my post not as a personal advancement but as a shield for defending the Knesset's honour and integrity as part of the moulding of our democratic system," he says indignantly.

SAVIDOR'S FAMILY came on aliyah after his mother had fled from Russia to Poland in 1922 with her children following the murder of his father, a professor of linguistics, by the Bolsheviks.

He spent years in uniform, first in the British Army and the Jewish Brigade during World War II and then in the IDF, where he founded the army school of administration.

Savidor then worked in the private and public sectors, running Israel Railways for a while. He became prominent in such apolitical bodies as Maccabi and Rotary, entering active politics in 1969 when running for the Tel Aviv mayoralty. He stayed on as head of the opposition.

In 1973, he was nominated for the Likud Knesset list by the Tel Aviv branch, but in the trade-off found himself pushed out with another Tel Aviv candidate, Yitzhak Berman. Both had to wait until 1977 to enter parliament.

WHAT HAS happened to his party? "It's not facing the electorate directly, but hanging onto Herut's coat-tails. They are not accountable to the voters. The so-called party leaders

Jerusalem Post Political Correspondent Mark Segal talks to Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor soon after he was dropped from his party's list for the coming elections.

The Speaker speaks out



lack the stamina and the resolve to resist Herut's pressures and have succumbed. None of the Liberal Party's ideas have been fulfilled. None of our clauses in the Likud platform have been acted on, whether this regards economic policy, the dismantling of government companies or the stimulation of private enterprise."

"The Liberals, as we see them today, have parted ways from the party's traditionally pragmatic positions, becoming even more extreme than Herut in defence and foreign policies. Just out of career considerations."

Savidor continues his withering criticism of his fellow Liberals: "They've switched priorities, putting their selfish interests before those of the party, never mind the country. What is required is a cadre of independent-minded people who can resist pressure from the top."

"I'm no dove in foreign and defence affairs, but I do stress the basic tenets of Liberalism. In recent years I have seen how the party has crumbled. We have been swamped by populists, in direct contradiction to our ideology."

MY MEETING with Savidor took place in the pleasantly appointed Speaker's Office, dominated by a Litvinovsk portrait of the first Speaker, the late Yosef Sprinzak. Behind is a glass cupboard containing official gifts and emblems from visiting parliamentarians.

Without going into actual details, he spoke warmly of the many cables and messages he had received from abroad in the wake of the decision to drop him from the Liberal list. That reaction was in addition to the many letters, telegrams and phone calls he had received from local well-wishers.

Savidor spoke wistfully of the tasks he would be leaving behind. At the top of the list was the Knesset Members' code of ethics: "It did not make me any more popular," he remarked ruefully, noting that the first chairman of the committee he had appointed to draft the code had been Chaim Herzog, and his successor had been Prof. Amnon Rubinstein.

"I disliked a situation where the law only defines MKs' rights and privileges but not their duties and obligations, and regrettably, I failed to enact an amendment rectifying this omission. I'm also sorry I never managed to amend the law of immunity."

"I also believe I introduced necessary changes in the Knesset administration," he says, taking pride in his usually amiable working relationship with the permanent staff.

While his replacement of the controversial Knesset sergeant-at-arms was generally welcomed, this was not the case when he forced the retirement of veteran Knesset Clerk Natanel Lorch. Savidor describes Lorch as "highly intelligent and effective, especially in his inter-parliamentary work, but much too overbearing as a person."

DOES SAVIDOR himself now intend to retire from politics? He speaks of having received "two tangible offers" — one is to head a

new party list under the slogan of "Morality in Politics" and the other is to join a ticket, but at present he is unable to divulge any more details. Here he adds contemplatively: "I'm not saying whether I will accept either offer. Perhaps I shall simply sit it out for the time being until the situation is appropriate for my re-entry into politics."

"I am sure to find other ways of contributing to the country. I won't disappear from view in any case."

Has he not been a little too naive in trusting the promises of his fellow Liberals? Says Savidor: "I'm afraid that decency and candour in politics appear today to be more of a drawback than an asset. Although I am fully aware of the rules of party life, where you have to be either a beggar or a rogue," he says with uproarious laughter.

Does he concur with Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat's characterization of the Liberal Party central committee as "a rogues' gallery"? Savidor thinks that is "going a bit too far," but he concedes that the manner of selecting candidates by parties like the Liberals might strengthen certain anti-democratic trends in the country.

"The public witnesses the way the political set-up operates, with its horse-trading and self-perpetuation of party apparatchiks. The way candidates are picked for the Knesset may so disillusion voters that they may become increasingly fed up with democratic processes and look around for a strongman to rule."

"There are already incipient signs of people being fed-up with the workings of democracy, and I fear what may yet be in store for us all."

ON A MORE personal level, Savidor speaks of how "I gave an example of moral integrity. I thought it was most necessary to expose the party to the public. I would never have thought it possible that the Liberal ministers would gang up in order to punish me for doing my job properly and acting according to my conscience."

"The trouble, perhaps, lies in my being constitutionally incapable of making the kind of unsavoury deals they had in mind. This became especially so once I became Knesset Speaker."

Does, then, the role of Speaker change people? "Most certainly," says Savidor. "One either identifies oneself with the position or one distorts it. In my case, I regarded myself as having been commissioned the guardian of our democratic system. I have no regrets, and would not hesitate for a moment to make the same decisions. Perhaps I have been punished, but I am at peace with my conscience."

Savidor neatly sidesteps my next question, which contains a quotation from the late Liberal Party leader, Simha Ehrlich, when he mourned the Likud's "lack of culture of government." Says Savidor: "I was concerned about cultivating the culture of parliamentary debate."

Was it a mistake to have the Knesset debates televised, often live? Savidor points out that the Knesset is the only parliament in the world with unrestricted TV reporting. The former Speaker of the British House of Commons, George

Thomas, had told him why he did not wish Westminster to follow suit: "I want MPs to speak to the point and not to the microphone."

Savidor believes it was a mistake to have let TV loose on the Knesset. When Herzog started drafting a code of Knesset conduct, he says, he had recommended either removing the TV camera altogether or imposing strict restrictions on broadcasts.

Just before the dissolution vote, the committee was scheduled to discuss the issue, he discloses.

"We have left the moulding of our public image to the discretion of TV reporters, hungry for action shots even at the risk of compelling a disruptive effect. Reporters like highly dramatized, compact events like the performance put on by Charlie Biton when he turned his back on the plenum from the rostrum."

SAVIDOR LOOKS BACK with deep satisfaction at the progress made in his term in the legislature's international relations. He was for years an Israeli delegate to the Council of Europe and created a network of friendships with European parliamentarians.

When he became Speaker, there were three inter-parliamentary friendship groups (with France, Italy and West Germany). Today, this number has increased to nine (the additional six are Britain, Norway, Canada, Japan, Australia and the Council of Europe itself).

He is proud that more foreign parliamentary delegations had come here during his term than in the lifetime of the previous nine Knessets. The MPs and deputies had come to conduct a dialogue even during the most intense periods of the war in Lebanon when international criticism of Israel was at its height. The Knesset managed to provide one of the few channels of dialogue at the time.

Savidor mourns the disappearance from the Knesset of "one of its great parliamentarians — ex-premier Menachem Begin. I'm convinced that no one in Herut would have dared propose bending the parliamentary rules out of existence if he had been around."

"I can tell you that the day after the dissolution vote, I phoned Begin to discuss the matter. I'm happy to say that he supported my decision and my course of action. Begin was, in all truth, one of the moulders of Israeli parliamentarism. He was a man with a broad vision of things, not obscured by partisan tactics."

Savidor recalls once colliding with Begin during a rather stormy debate over the policies of former finance minister Yoram Aridor. When the heckling got bad, Aridor remonstrated with Savidor from the rostrum, complaining that he was not controlling parliament properly. Which brought Savidor to tell Aridor to mind his own business.

At that point, Begin intervened from his seat in the Knesset: "You can't treat the finance minister like that!" he called out to Savidor. Savidor replied: "In the Knesset, I am the boss. He's only one out of 120 MKs." Savidor notes that this exchange did not cause any hard feelings on Begin's part — they were as friendly as ever the following day.

IN THE WAKE of the Liberal Party central committee vote, Savidor and his erstwhile party ally, Dror Zeigerman exchanged charges of double-dealing, with the younger man accusing the veteran of having scuttled a plan to launch an independent Knesset faction as a basis for a new centre party.

Savidor does not deny the basic thrust of Zeigerman's argument, but stresses that in the final analysis he had been deterred by his inhibitions about quitting the Likud.

"In the past, I have always advocated raising the Knesset threshold to 2.5 per cent and I have favoured legislation aimed at obliging MKs who cross party lines to give up their seats. Thus, I have always stood by my credo of either voting with the Likud or quitting the Knesset."

"If I had been elected by a constituency, things would have been different. What united the four Liberal MKs (Zeigerman, Berman, Dan Tichon and himself) was the idea of a national-unity government and a demand to reform the party. However, we had many disagreements on other issues, such as early elections. We discussed the formation of a faction that would remain loyal to the Likud in the 10th Knesset and possibly run on a separate ticket in the next elections."

Here, Savidor relates one of the sorrier tales of internal party intrigue that have been revealed of late. Just when he was on the verge of discussing the formation of a breakthrough faction, he was approached by four Liberal ministers — Avraham Sharir, Gideon Patt, Moshe Nissim and Sara Doron — to take upon himself the reform and rehabilitation of the party.

He prepared a scheme for reorganizing the Liberals, but "I did not realize that the precondition for such a scheme being adopted also hinged on the consent of Moda'i and his ally, Pessah Grupper... Then the four ministers started dragging their feet. I found myself drawn into factional politics, which I have avoided."

Wasn't he a bit too trusting? "I honestly thought they were sincere. I have learned better since then." As for Zeigerman, he has criticised his erstwhile ally only because he lately switched to Moda'i's faction in the leadership vote, but he still considers him to be a true Liberal. Generally he believes the Liberal Party central committee, with 89 of its 240 members seeking to become Knesset candidates, illuminates the adage: If everybody wants to be somebody, nobody will be anybody.



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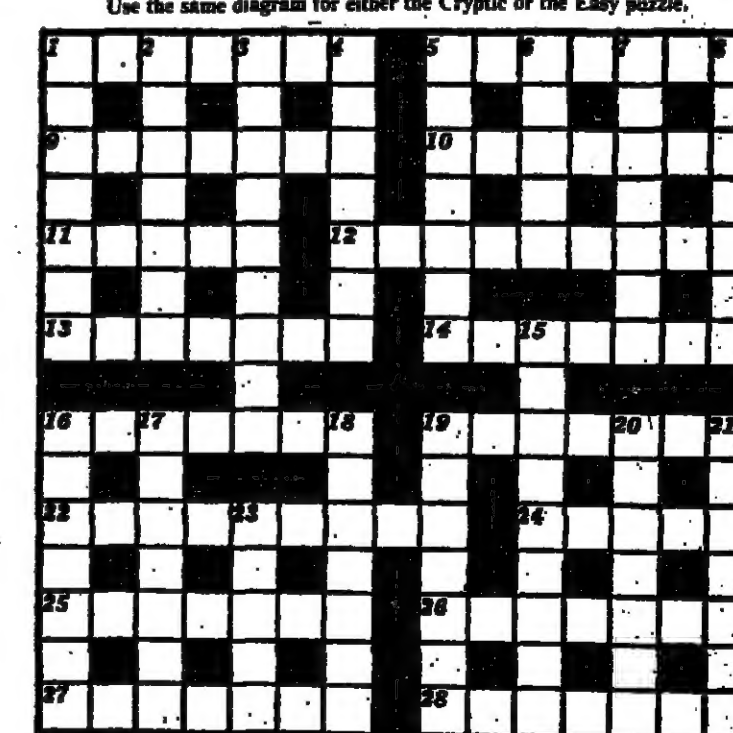
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Cryptic

- ACROSS**
- 1 Stops the Sun burning this open (7)
 - 5 Held out for the batsmen! (7)
 - 9 Contrivances of the French: clamps (7)
 - 10 Top sportsman may wear it (7)
 - 11 Permission to help a homesick soldier (5)
 - 12 No Corsair's seen around without a medal! (4,5)
 - 13 A gallant should be on the move very quickly (7)
 - 14 Old prison officer to get bird—not the first to go inside! (7)
 - 16 Left out of somebody's will, could one say? (7)
 - 19 Noble girl bearing away her brothers (7)
 - 22 Like this, ran a brisk business! (9)
 - 24 Planet rotated swiftly, by the sound of it (5)
 - 25 Having one wanting to be treated well? Not! (7)
 - 26 Empty tyre is lower (3,4)
 - 27 Used for climbing up and down rope, perhaps (7)
 - 28 Runs short! (7)

- DOWN**
- 1 Got the sea to rise over two feet! (7)
 - 2 Shows King slave rising in the East (7)
 - 3 He won't say if he knows a person like this (9)
 - 4 Going over to one side of a ship (7)
 - 5 Expel the company on strike, apparently! (4,5)
 - 6 Military man's trousers put on over them (5)
 - 7 Naturally, built-up area isn't highly thought of in the country (7)
 - 8 Content to do it! (7)
 - 15 Helps things grow, down on the farm! (4,5)
 - 16 Is table-turning rude and unmanly? Unmanly, indeed (7)
 - 17 Shrunk from being fearful (7)
 - 18 Drives in and demolishes Hurst St (7)
 - 19 Makes them shower on an uneven surface (7)
 - 20 Horse may pull one along with nothing on. That's funny! (7)



21 No main line trains can be kept here (7)
23 Stop—ie, cease—bit part (5)

'Quickie'

- ACROSS**
- 1 Type of sauce (7)
 - 5 Keeps under observation (7)
 - 9 Eg, a fancy dress (7)
 - 10 A girl's name (7)
 - 11 Cocktail fruit (5)
 - 12 Communications device (9)
 - 13 Bad-weather siren for ships (7)
 - 14 For surgical stitching (7)
 - 16 Kind of warplane (7)
 - 19 Robbed of sharpness (7)
 - 22 Put up with (9)
 - 24 Not adorned (5)
 - 25 A window-fitter (7)
 - 26 Made in a memo-book (7)
 - 27 Lengthens (7)
 - 28 Doctor's office (7)

- DOWN**
- 1 Start of a soccer match (4,5)
 - 2 Getting the flavour of (7)
 - 3 Floating dwelling (5,4)
 - 4 Place in Lancashire (7)
 - 5 Moves like a duck (7)
 - 6 Flower (5)
 - 7 Ships shelter in it (7)

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Flickering Olympic flame

THE MODERN Olympic flame that was kindled so proudly in Athens in 1896 is in danger of being extinguished for ever, if the Russians, East Germans and Bulgarians stand by the Moscow decision to boycott the Olympic Games in Los Angeles this year.

As the next Games are scheduled to take place in the controversial city of Seoul in 1988, there can be little hope that these will not be ruined as well by wrecking action on the part of politicians.

The official reasons given by the Russians for the boycott are that they are not satisfied with the security arrangements and that they have reason to suspect that their team will suffer from demonstrations by emigre organizations and other haters of communism. Some people interpret the latter excuse as being a euphemism for a fear of large-scale defections on the part of sportsmen representing Communist countries, if they are exposed to offers in Los Angeles. It must be pointed out, however, that performers of Olympic calibre from the Eastern bloc are not kept in their countries in the four-year periods between the Games: they appear in international competitions in all parts of the world, and do not need the Olympics as a springboard for defection.

Another ingenious explanation of the Russian action is that they are trying to embarrass President Reagan during an election year, in the hope that a candidate less virulently anti-USSR will be elected.

All these theories are perhaps too subtle. The probable reason for the Russian action is the obvious one — it is an act of revenge for President Jimmy Carter's boycott of the Moscow Olympics in 1980, as a punishment for the Russian invasion of Afghanistan.

Lord Killanin, the president of the International Olympic Committee in 1980, wrote in his memoirs that neither Carter nor Cyrus Vance, his Foreign Secretary, had the faintest conception of what the Olympics were all about, and how they were organized; he alleged that they never did any homework to find out the ideals and framework of the movement before embarking on their petulant boycott. They did not even consider the inevitability of Russian retribution against Los Angeles in 1984, or of what damage they were doing to sport in general. Yitzhak Ofek, the President of the Israel Olympic Committee, said that, if he were not so distraught because of the news of the Russian boycott, he would have to admit that the Americans had it coming to them.

The trouble is that the victims of the boycott will not be Carter or Vance, but the finest sportsmen in the world denied their right to prove that they excel against all comers, and millions of sports lovers around the globe, including the Communist countries. It is to be hoped that the Russians, having made their point, will still change their minds, thereby earning considerable kudos and gratitude from both West and East.

The boycott shadow makes it plain that the Olympic Games, as organized at present, are terribly vulnerable to political action. The 1976 Games at Montreal were marred by a peevish black African boycott, the Moscow Games by Carter's move. Now Los Angeles may be victim.

This vulnerability springs from the system of allocating the Games to a different city in a different country every four years. Politicians generally believe in means rather than ends, and are quick to pounce on a chance to make a political point. The time has come to drive the politicians out of sport, and for the sportsmen to take over the Games once again, in the manner originally conceived by Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the Olympic movement.

He envisaged building a permanent Olympic site in Greece, home of the ancient Olympics. The president of Greece, Constantine Karamanlis, has now revived this idea as his answer to the Russians. The Olympic Organization, once living from hand to mouth, has accumulated vast reserves, and makes millions of dollars, because of its income from television coverage. Thus there would be no difficulty financing the building of a permanent home for the Olympics in Greece.

Such a home, of course, would belong, not to Greece, but to the IOC. The movement would no longer be at the mercy of politicians. The Olympics must be run by sportsmen, and must no longer be subject to the whims of governments if that flickering flame is to be kept alive.

Tempest in a teacup

By SARAH HONIG

DID ARIEL SHARON really score an impressive victory on Wednesday night, when the Herut Central Committee ranked him fourth on the party's slate of Knesset candidates? According to Sharon's own boisterous proclamations and his supporters' shouts of jubilation, he did.

But, by all reckoning, Sharon's political coup cannot be regarded as filled to the brim. The only question is whether it is half full or half empty. The answer, of course, depends on Sharon's starting point and on his expectations. Not long ago, it should be remembered, Sharon sought the Herut leadership. Even if his challenge to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was not all that serious, Sharon could not have been more earnest in seeking the party's number two position and in laying his claim to the defence portfolio in a possible future Likud government. Sharon seemed on his way to take over the party which he had joined only in 1977.

When he surprised all political observers and Herut insiders by garnering over 42 per cent of the vote in his bout with Shamir, ardent Sharon followers had already crowned him the heir-apparent, while the rest of the party shuddered in apprehension.

Sharon in the fourth Herut slot, after Shamir, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy and Defence Minister Moshe Arens, seems a far cry from the apparently unstoppable Sharon in the process of hijacking Herut, as many of the party's veterans accused him of doing. From vantage point of Sharon, the would-be second-in-line, his glass at present is certainly half empty.

If the Likud should form the next government, it is now clear that the defence portfolio would be entirely out of Sharon's reach. The portfolio was Sharon's real goal and here he plainly failed. But not only is he as far as he has been for more than a year from the defence ministry, all of his efforts to garner the clout that would enable him to force his claims on the Herut leadership have been totally frustrated as well.

SHARON HAD two alternative ways to make his party leadership offers it could not refuse. Had he come out top of the heap, right after Shamir, it would not have been possible to ignore him, or his claims for the cabinet job of his choice. But, despite the unprecedented campaigning efforts he made and the most intensive electioneering Herut had ever known, Sharon clearly did not emerge as the menacing number-two man.

His second means to a position of unstoppable power and influence was to pack the slate of Herut Knesset candidates with his own men. He could thereby have formed his own unofficial Knesset faction, one that could have maintained a constant stronghold on the Likud Knesset contingent.

Had Sharon not been granted his wish — for the defence portfolio, for example — the Sharon mini-faction could have served as a handy blackmail weapon: either Sharon gets his

way, or his loyal MKs withhold their parliamentary support from the Likud, the line would have been.

Sharon and his supporters worked hard to create such a faction. This was reported to be their top priority — far above the actual slot for Sharon. But here the failure is far clearer and more unequivocal than in the case of Sharon's ranking on the list. No differing interpretations are possible. Already in the first round last week, the Herut Central Committee confounded the party pundits and the diligent Sharon strategists. Sharon failed to get a single new candidate from his camp elected to the list.

His only supporter to make it was MK David Magen, but Magen cannot be considered as having climbed on Sharon's coattails. He is a force in his own right in Herut, and the fact that he was ranked ninth on the list is his own achievement and not Sharon's. In any case, Sharon has no faction on the candidates' list. To hold the party to ransom, say the experts, he would have needed at least a four-MK team.

Not that Sharon's adversaries in Herut were fully successful either. They did have a very audible collective sigh of relief at the fact that Sharon was ranked below Arens on the list. Only by preceding Arens could Sharon have had any case at all for a changing of the guard at the Defence Ministry.

Even according to Sharon's own formula, he is out of the Defence Ministry picture. As he has it, the party's number one is candidate for prime minister, the number two for foreign minister and the number three for defence minister. Sharon is in none of those slots.

But the rest of the party ministers, all banded against Sharon, would have preferred to see him in the fifth rather than the fourth slot. They would have liked Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad ahead of Sharon in the leading quartet.

As things turned out, two of Herut's ministers are directly dogged by the shadows of their very controversial, often vindictive, predecessors.

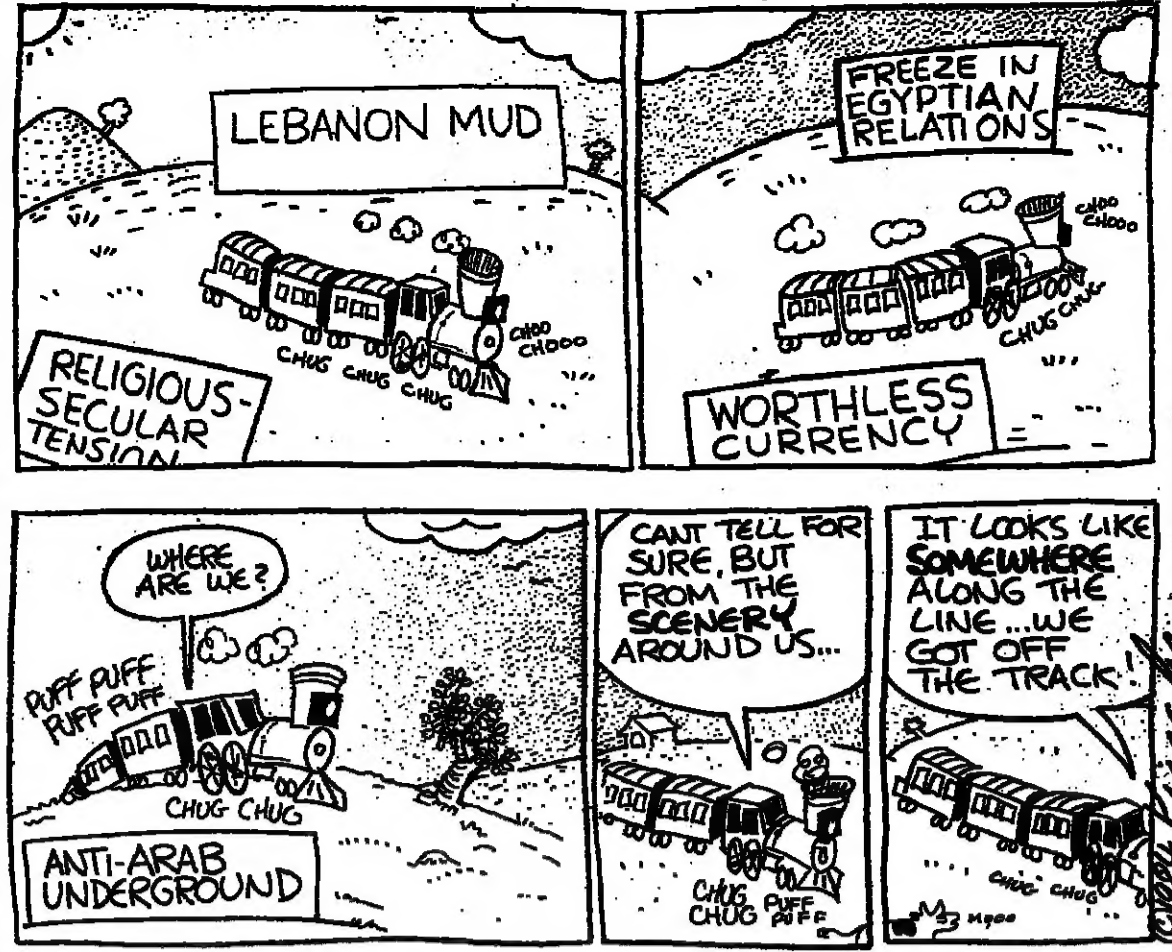
Arens has Sharon on his tail and Cohen-Orgad is just a slot ahead of former Finance Minister Yoram Aridor.

But even if Cohen-Orgad is featured only in the fifth slot, the damage in Herut is not seen as too heavy. Cohen-Orgad is in a good place and Sharon fell short of his goals, thereby extricating his party from the turmoil he could easily have caused, had he been able to make any demand on the coveted defence portfolio.

The fact that Sharon and his people are now claiming victory demonstrates that, above all, political success — like beauty — is in the eye of the beholder. Or perhaps it is what the chief protagonists would like the onlookers to behold.

SHARON COULD, of course, claim that his glass is half full, if he compares his presence in the Herut opening quartet to the possibility of having been dealt a really humiliat-

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ing defeat. The question is whether such a defeat was really likely.

Just before the nearly 1,000 Herut Central Committee members cast their ballots, Sharon indeed charged vociferously that Herut's leaders had all conspired against him in a scheme to remove him from the leadership, banish him down the list and possibly to an altogether unsafe slot. Several scores of Sharon's followers on the committee were impressed by the charges and regarded their hero as being in very real jeopardy.

But Sharon knew full well that such Machiavellian plots are not possible in Herut's system of selecting Knesset candidates. As even Herut's bitterest enemies will grudgingly acknowledge, the Herut method of electing Knesset candidates by secret ballot, and then ranking them on the list by a series of several more secret ballots, is more democratic than that which exists in any other Israeli political party.

Herut has no all-powerful appointments committee, composed of a few powerbrokers, who wheel and deal in smoke-filled backrooms. As Communications Minister Mordechai Zepori learned from his own bitter defeat on Wednesday, what counts in Herut is grassroots sentiment. Zepori offended that sentiment time and again by constant carping comment, and most of all by his unsolicited appearance before the Kahan Commission. He has now paid the price for turning his back on the party rank and file. Influence and pedigree alone cannot sway the Herut Central Committee either.

MK Eitan Livni, also barred from a realistic placing on the list, certainly had influence. He was in charge of Herut's financial affairs for years and added to his standing when he served as the powerful acting party secretariat chairman. Even the fact that he was the last of the IZL headquarters commanders among the Herut candidates for the Eleventh Knesset did not help.

The aura of the fathers did little good to Cabinet Secretary Dan

Meridor (son of late MK Eliyahu Meridor), to Uzi Landau (who helped formulate the Herut internal elections system and whose father, Haim Landau, was the late transport minister) and to Rachel Kramerman (daughter of Minister of Economic Coordination Ya'acov Meridor). Candidates who cannot boast an exalted political lineage — commoners versus the movement's princes — were preferred.

Thus, despite their humble beginnings, Moshe Katzav and Meir Shitrit won high slots, and Jerusalem's Yehoshua Matza and Afula Mayor Ovadya Eli, newcomers to Knesset politics, achieved what the sons and daughters of the "fighting family" could not.

ONLY MIFAL HAPAYIS chairman Gideon Gadot, nephew and virtual adopted son of the late Herut luminary Arye Ben Eliezer, did well. But Gadot himself does not bear the famous name and he too has failed in several past attempts to get on the list. What got him there this time was hard work and an impressive record that includes running the Likud information and public relations campaign in the 1981 elections.

The famous sons could have made a much more powerful bid for safe slots on the list, had an appointments committee considered their candidacy. But in a system where nearly 1,000 Central Committee members vote in so many secret ballots, very little can be controlled and, as Sharon must fully realize, plotters and schemers can hardly be sure of success.

No one in Herut could have taken out a political contract on Sharon or planned his political demise. His fervent opponents in the party — and he has very many of those — waited with bated breath for the result of the vote, just as his cronies did. No one could know anything for sure in advance.

Even those with very little love to spare for Sharon, moreover, did not really want to push him out of the leadership and they were not only paying lip-service when they said so. They could not afford to alienate Sharon entirely, as he is still a formidable vote-getter.

What the Herut leadership did hope was that Sharon's wings would be clipped just a bit to prevent him staking a claim to the defence portfolio and appearing as Herut's potential new leader.

If there was anything Sharon's adversaries in Herut feared, it was that he would be ranked high enough to enable the Alignment to equate the Likud with Sharon and thereby frighten away the middle-of-the-road floating voters. This will be difficult for Labour to do now, although Sharon has by no means been wiped out.

WHY DID Sharon seek to portray himself as the potential victim of a top Herut hit team? Perhaps because

he has already tried the tactic in the past and found that it pays off.

As Sharon ably demonstrated when he challenged Shamir, it is good to appear as the beleaguered underdog, or, better yet, as the lone honourable gunman pitting himself against the ostensibly insurmountable forces of evil, *High Noon*-style. This doubtless brings in the sympathy vote, which can't hurt in a really close race.

To the extent that Sharon's supporters were genuinely alarmed by the fact that he came out only ninth in last week's first round of the Herut electoral process, he did well this time around by comparison. But last week's vote was not final and constituted no more than a rough popularity gauge. Sharon had every reason to expect better results for himself in the second round. His cries of alarm were those of the boy who cried wolf, but found out that it works.

Besides, in order to save face, it is always good to compare one's situation to the worst that could conceivably have happened, rather than to the highest expectations. Success and failure, after all, are only relative terms, especially in politics.

But the irony is that, after months of agitation, after throwing Herut into turmoil and forcing an unwanted showdown for the leadership of the party, and after seeking, not too subtly, to unseat Arens, Sharon is now crowing lustily over his success at being placed fourth. Not having been pushed further down the list is now his one glowing accomplishment.

Had he not launched any of his recent political battles and instead toed the line quietly, the chances are that he would have found himself ranked precisely where he is now in the Herut hierarchy.

As any observer of Herut affairs would easily be able to spot, the opening Herut quartet has exactly one representative for each of the four major factions in the party — Shamir, who heads the mainstream division; Levy with his own camp; soft-spoken Arens who has his own separate following and finally Sharon, representing a smaller but very cohesive group.

By no premeditated design, all the pieces of the Herut puzzle fell neatly into place, and were even ranked according to actual size and influence. No one was unrepresented or over-represented. No one was too far ahead or too far behind.

Sharon, in the final analysis, is in his natural place in the Herut leadership foursome, a place that would have been his without the great battle cry and the fireworks. The plain fact of the matter is that, despite his bravado and ambition, he failed to brew up any real storm in Herut.

All he did, after months of holding the entire political spectrum in suspense, was stir up a minor tempest in his half empty (or half full) teacup. The writer is The Jerusalem Post's political reporter.

READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — As a guest from Switzerland, I have been observing the struggle within the parties for a safe slot with considerable amazement. At first, it was difficult for me to understand the whole game. Then I suddenly became aware that this system enhances all the behind-the-scenes political gimmicks which most voters in Israel seem to be fed up with.

Far from wanting to idealize our political system in Switzerland, I feel it at least gives the people more of a

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say as to whom they actually want to have in parliament. This is done by a rather complicated, but very effective system.

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